Follow Initial Protocol for All Patients

**Goals:**
- Reduction of SBP and DBP
- Manage Symptoms
- Maintain Perfusion

**Signs/Symptoms:**
- Chest pain/pressure
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Other CNS/Cardiac Complaints

**Documentation Key Points:**
- Initial vitals, repeat vitals every 5 minutes
- Medications administered
- Response to treatment

**Inclusion Criteria:**
SBP >180 mmHg or DBP > 110 mmHg or MAP >130 mmHg
With:
Cardiac or Isolated CNS complaints that are new or progressive

**Exclusion Criteria:**
*Signs/Symptoms of CVA/Stroke
*Do not use Nitroglycerin in patients who have taken erectile dysfunction medication within the past 72 hours

**Special Considerations**
- Reduction of blood pressure should be no more than 20% in the first 30 minutes.
- If patient has taken medication for erectile dysfunction medication within the last 72 hours contact medical control prior to administration of nitroglycerin.
- Perform serial neurological exams.
- Use caution when using beta blockers in patients who have used cocaine or other stimulants