Medication Formulary

**Generic Name:** Amiodarone

**Brand Name:** Cordarone

**Class:** Antidysrhythmic

**Actions:** Prolongs duration of action potentials and refractory periods, non-competitive βeta adrenoreceptor and calcium channel blockers.

**Onset:** Within minutes of administration

**Duration:** Varies

**Indications:** For the treatment of Ventricular Fibrillation/Tachycardia refractory to defibrillation. Treatment of polymorphic V-Tach. Refractory PSVT.

**Contraindications:** Pulmonary congestion, cardiogenic shock, hypotension, hypersensitivity, bradycardia.

**Side Effects:** Hypotension, headache, vertigo, bradycardia, flushing, salivation, AV conduction abnormalities.

**Interactions:** May potentiate hypotension and bradycardia when used with βeta blockers and calcium channel blockers. Increased chance of AV block with calcium channel blockers. May increase anticoagulation with Coumadin. Not compatible with Lasix, Heparin, and Sodium Bicarbonate. Only to be mixed in D₅W for a drip.

**Administration Routes:** IV, IO

**Notes:** Discontinue any maintenance drips if AV block or bradycardia develops. Amiodarone is mixed in a soap base, may foam when shaken or drawn up.