

Critical Care Authorization Sheet

1. Maintain constant cardiac monitoring.
2. Start and maintain saline lock or a normal saline intravenous infusion.
3. Spot check or continuously monitor SpO₂ as indicated by patient's condition.
4. Respiratory care
 - Initiate oxygen or increase FIO₂ to maintain SpO₂ of $\geq 90\%$ unless other parameters are ordered by the physician.
 - Establish/maintain a patent airway, including, tracheal suctioning, and replacing of tracheostomy tubes
 - Use equipment to assist respirations; oropharyngeal and nasal airways, O₂ delivery devices, ambu bags.
5. For pain
 - **Nitroglycerine** In the presence of chest pain and if systolic BP ≥ 90 mmHg, administer 0.4mg Nitroglycerine sublingually. May repeat every five (5) minutes X 2.
 - **Morphine Sulfate** 2 mg IV every 10 minutes PRN severe pain (>5); 2mg IV every 30 minutes PRN moderate pain (≤ 5); 2mg IV every 1 hour PRN mild pain (≤ 3).
6. For Arrhythmias
 - **Atropine**....In the presence of symptomatic bradycardia, administer Atropine 0.5—1mg IVP. May repeat every 3-5 minutes to a total of 3mg (0.04mg/Kg).
 - **Amiodarone**....in the presence of sustained VT or symptomatic nonsustained VT
 1. Amiodarone 150 mg IV over 10 minutes
 2. Follow immediately with Amiodarone 900mg in 500ml D5W (non PVC bag) at 1 mg/min (33ml/hr) for 6 hours.
 3. Notify physician
 4. After above, maintenance infusion of Amiodarone at 0.5mg/min (17ml/hr) for 48-96 hours.
 5. May repeat Amiodarone 150mg IV over 10 minutes for breakthrough VT or VF.
7. For SBP < 90, give 250 ml normal saline IV over 15 min. If no history of CHF, MRX1 in 15-30 min. and notify physician.
8. **Narcan** 0.4mg IV, in the presence of severe CNS depression where narcotic effect is suspected. Titrate to effect.
9. **Zofran** 4mg IV every 8 hours PRN for relief of nausea and vomiting.
10. **Tylenol** 650 mg PO/PR every 4 hours PRN for relief of headache, pain, or temperature exceeding (101°F).
11. **Maalox** 30 ml PO every 2 hours PRN for relief of dyspepsia.
12. **Ativan** 0.5mg IV every 1 hr PRN mild anxiety; Ativan 1mg IV every 1 hr PRN mod. anxiety; or Ativan 1mg PO every 4 hrs PRN anxiety. For patients over 80 years or with history of dementia, give Ativan 0.25mg IV every 1 hr PRN anxiety.
13. Bowel care- follow PDH "Bowel Care Protocol"
14. Order ABG's, chest X-Ray, 12 EKG as needed.
15. Insert nasogastric tube or foley catheter as needed.
16. PALS/ACLS certified RN may follow PALS/ACLS algorithms for treatment of patient in cardiopulmonary arrest when a physician is not immediately available to supervise.
17. **Notify physician of significant change in status.**

Physician Signature:	Date:	Time:
Transcriber Signature:	Date:	Time: