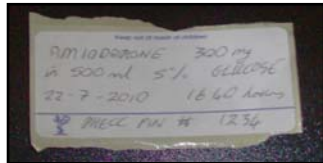
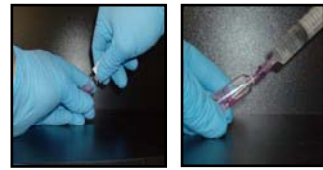


Preparation of an Amiodarone Infusion

Equipment needed

- 500mls 5% Glucose
- 20gts giving set
- Sharps container
- Label
- 2 x 150mg ampoule
 - 10ml syringe
 - 2 blunt fill filter needles
 - Alcohol wipe
- 1 x 300mg mini-jet
 - 1 blunt fill filter needle



- 1 - Confirm persistent tachyarrhythmia following ROSC
- 2 - Confirm Amiodarone was used to convert VF/VT
- 3 - Perform 7R's of drug administration
- 4 - Confirm presentation of Amiodarone

- Procedure for using 150mg/3ml ampoules

A - For ampoules use a 10ml syringe and withdraw 3mls of Dextrose from injection port of soft bag using a blunt fill filter needle. This helps stop the amiodarone frothing up when drawn into the syringe.

B - Open first ampoule, using pad to protect your fingers, dispose of broken top into sharps bin. Gently withdraw 150 mg / 3mls into your 10 ml syringe. Dispose of empty ampoule into sharps bin. Repeat process for 2nd ampoule.

C - Change to a new blunt fill filter needle and inject the contents of the syringe into the injection port of the infusion bag. Dispose of needle and syringe into sharps bin.

- Procedure for using 300mg/10ml mini-jet.

A - Attach a blunt fill filter needle to the mini-jet. Inject the contents of the mini-jet into the injection port of infusion bag. Dispose of needle and mini jet into sharps bin.

5 - Label Infusion with

- Drug name
- Drug dosage
- Volume of Dextrose
- Date and time
- PHECC PIN

6 - Check drip set (20 gts/ml), close roller clamp, 1/2 fill drip chamber, flush line without wasting medication.

7 - Calculate drip rate - approximately 33 drops per minute if using a 20gtt/ml giving set. (1.7ml/min.)

8 - Disconnect any running line from IV/IO port, connect and administer Amiodarone infusion set. **Do not administer any other drugs through that IV line while amiodarone infusion is running.**

9 - Record amiodarone infusion administration on PCR .

10 - Monitor the patient.

MEDICAL TREATMENT INFORMATION			
TIME (24H)	MEDICATION TREATMENT		
12 30	Amiodarone infusion @ 2 gts / 5 seconds		
DOSE	ROUTE	CODE/indication	PN
1mg/min	IV	AM	1234