

Cardiac Medication Scenarios

1.) Cardiac Stress test using Adenosine

Give Adenosine 140 mcg/kg/min IV as a 6 minute continuous infusion.

Total amount to be infused 24 mL.

Scan patient at 3 minutes and 6 minutes to evaluate coronary arteries.

Patient weight—186 lbs/ 84.5 kg

Adenosine concentration is 3 mg/1 mL

Calculations: $140\text{mcg} \times 84.5\text{kg} = 11830\text{ mcg}$

$11830\text{ mcg} \times 6\text{ min} = 70980\text{ mcg}$ or 70.98 mg

$71\text{ mg} / 3\text{ mg} = 23.6\text{ mL}$

To program pump:

Press Menu key

Press Dose Rate calculator screen soft key

Press Dose soft key, use up arrow to input 140, press Enter

Conc field is highlighted; use up arrow to change to 3

Press Enter twice to advance to pt weight field

Use up arrow to input 84.5

Press Enter twice, rate is automatically calculated. (237 mL/hr)

VTBI field is highlighted; use up arrow to input 24.

2.) Cardiac Stress test using Dobutamine

Give Dobutamine 20 mcg/kg/min IV as a 10 minute continuous infusion.

Total amount to be infused 18 mL

Scan to evaluate coronary artery perfusion during and after infusion.

Patient weight –201 lbs/ 91.4 kg

Dobutamine concentration is 250mg/250 mL or 1mg/1mL

Calculations: $20\text{mcg} \times 91.4\text{ kg} = 1828\text{ mcg}$

$1828\text{ mcg} \times 10\text{ min} = 18280\text{ mcg}$ or 18.28 mg

$18.28\text{mg} = 18\text{ mL}$

To program the pump:

Press Menu key

Press Dose Rate calculator screen soft key

Press Dose soft key, use up arrow to input 20 press Enter

Press Enter three times to advance to pt weight field

Use up arrow key to input 91.4

Press Enter twice, rate is automatically calculated. (110 mL/hr)

VTBI field is highlighted; use up arrow to input 18

3.) Heparin infusion for anticoagulation post AMI

Patient may need scan post MI to determine extent of myocardial damage or locate blockage. Once heparin infusion begins, it must be continued to reduce risk of clotting and further myocardial damage. Scan can occur anytime after probable diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction (AMI).

Initial bolus dose of 60 units/kg over 10 minutes then continuous infusion of 12 units/kg/hour. Adjusted based on lab values.

Patient weight 206 lbs/ 93.6 kg

Heparin concentration 25000 units in 250 mL or 100 units/1mL

Calculations: $60 \text{ units} \times 93.6 \text{ kg} = 5616 \text{ units}$

$5616 \text{ units} / 100 \text{ units} = 56.16 \text{ mL over 10 minutes}$

$56.16 \text{ mL} \times 6 = 337 \text{ mL/ hour bolus}$

$12 \times 93.6 = 1123.2 \text{ units/hour}$

$1123.2 / 100 \text{ units} = 11.23 \text{ mL/hour infusion}$

To program pump:

Use up arrow to input 11.2 in rate field

Press VTBI soft key

Use up arrow to input 250

Press the Bolus soft key

Use up arrow key to input 337

Press VTBI soft key

Use up arrow to input 56