



HIGH RISK MEDICATIONS

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices issued a list of High Alert Medications in December, 2003. Included in that list were a number of intravenous medications. In order to give the best patient care and prevent errors, it is suggested that these medications be infused through a rate controlled infusion device.

CLASS/CATEGORY OF MEDICATIONS:

ADRENERGIC AGONISTS (EPINEPHRINE)
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ANESTHETIC AGENTS (PROPOFOL)
CHEMOTHERAPY AGENTS
HYPERTONIC DEXTROSE 20% OR HIGHER
HYPERTONIC SODIUM CHLORIDE GREATER THAN 0.9%
EPIDURAL OR INTRATHECAL MEDICATIONS
INOTROPIC MEDICATIONS (DIGOXIN, MILRINONE)
LIPOSOMAL FORMS OF MEDICATIONS (LIPOSOMAL AMPHOTERICIN B)
MODERATE SEDATION AGENTS (MIDAZOLAM)
NARCOTIC/OPIATE MEDICATIONS (MORPHINE, DILAUDID)
NEUROMUSCULAR BLOCKING AGENTS (SUCCINYLCHOLINE)
THROMBOLYTICS/FIBRINOLYTICS (TPA, TENECTEPLASE)
TOTAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION
VESICANT MEDICATIONS

SPECIFIC MEDICATIONS:

ADENOSINE
AMIODARONE
DOPAMINE
DOBUTAMINE
HEPARIN
INSULIN
LIDOCAINE
FLOLAN
MAGNESIUM SULFATE
POTASSIUM CHLORIDE
NESIRITIDE
NITROGLYCERIN
NITROPRUSSIDE
FENTANYL