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LIDOCAINE - INJECTION

USES: This medication is used to treat irregular heartbeats (arrhythmias).

This drug may also be used for resistant seizure treatment.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICATION: This medication is generally given by vein (IV). It may also be given in a large muscle (IM - in the shoulder usually) for one or two doses if necessary.

Generally 50-100mg is given first IV, then repeated if necessary. This dosing is followed by continuous IV therapy (1-4 mg per minute typically). Doses may need to be reduced in people with heart failure or liver problems.

SIDE EFFECTS: Pain at the site of injection might occur. If this persists or worsens, notify your doctor.

Unlikely but report promptly any drowsiness, dizziness, confusion, shakiness, mental changes, ringing in the ears, visual changes, nausea, tingling or numbness or slurred speech, muscle twitching, unusually slow heartbeat or seizures.

Notify your doctor immediately if an allergic reaction occurs. Symptoms include difficulty breathing, skin rash, itching and swelling.

PRECAUTIONS: Before using this drug, tell your doctor your medical history, including any allergies (especially drug allergies), history of heart problems, liver disease or severe lung problems.

This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor.

This drug is excreted into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Tell your doctor of all nonprescription and prescription medication you may use, especially cimetidine and of other drugs used for irregular heartbeats (arrhythmias) such as phenytoin, procainamide, quinidine or propranolol.

NOTES: This drug may interfere with laboratory tests (CK and CPK) when given by injection into a muscle (IM). EKG and other heart monitoring will occur during therapy.

MISSED DOSE: If a dose is missed or IV is interrupted, notify your doctor or pharmacist promptly.

STORAGE: Store at controlled room temperature away from light and moisture.

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