



**MIDSTATE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EMS ADVISORY**

NUMBER	<i>18-01</i>
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SUBJECT	<i>The Use of Metoprolol on Irregular Narrow Complex Tachycardia When Cardizem is Unavailable</i>

PURPOSE

To allow for the standing order of 5 mg of Metoprolol slow IV push for the treatment of a stable irregular, narrow complex tachycardia, when Cardizem is unavailable due to medication shortage.

BACKGROUND

The NYS Collaborative Protocols already allow for the standing order for administration of 5 mg Metoprolol slow IV push for stable, irregular, narrow complex tachycardia when the patient is already on prescribed beta blocker. This advisor allows for the standing order to be extended to patients in the same medical situation who are not on prescribed beta blockers when Cardizem is unavailable.

LIMITATIONS

For use as a standing order for all stable, irregular, narrow complex tachycardia's only when there is a shortage of Cardizem and it is unavailable for administration.

EXPECTATIONS

Midstate Regional Paramedic's and Critical Care Technicians will be allotted one 5mg administration, on Standing Order when Cardizem is on obtainable. Any additional doses will have to be a Medical Control order.