



Lopressor Fact Sheet

Brand name: METOPROLOL

Generic name: LOPRESSOR

Classification: Antiarrhythmic

Description: Beta-adrenergic Blocking Agent

Mechanism of Action: Reduces heart rate and cardiac output at rest and during exercise; lowers both supine and standing BP; slows sinus rate and decreases myocardial automaticity.

Indications: Stable Narrow Complex Tachycardias

Contraindications: Known hypersensitivity; 2nd or 3rd degree heart block; Bradycardia; Systolic BP < 100 mmHg; Significant 1st degree block (PR > 0.24 sec); Moderate to severe Cardiac Failure.

Side Effects: Bradyarrhythmias; bronchospasm; cardiac failure; confusion; dizziness; headache; hypotension; visual disturbances

Dose: 5 mg in 50 ml NS over 5-10 min; Repeat in 5 minutes x 1 as needed