

OPERATIONS: BLS/ALS TREATMENT PROTOCOLS

DATE: 03/08/12

SUBJECT: DYSRHYTHMIAS (continued)

POLICY NUMBER: 9183

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BLS</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ALS</u></p>
<p>Ensure patent airway Give oxygen Ventilate prn. Monitor O2 saturation prn.</p>	<p>Monitor ECG/Monitor O2 saturation prn. SO Establish IV TKO VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA (or wide-complex tachycardia of uncertain type) <u>STABLE</u> SO Lidocaine 1.0-1.5 mg/kg slow IVP SO Repeat dose of Lidocaine 0.5-0.75 mg/kg slow IVP every 5-10 min. until patient converts or to max 3 mg/kg if needed <u>UNSTABLE (BP < 90 systolic, dyspnea, chest pain, altered LOC, pulmonary edema)</u> SO Midazolam 1-2 mg slow IVP (1 mg/min) prn. pre-cardioversion; minimum SBP ≥ 80 Midazolam 1 mg if age 60 or above; minumim SBP ≥ 80 SO Synch. cardioversion at manufacturer's recommended energy dose; May repeat per BH BH Repeat cardioversion as needed <u>NOTE:</u> Perform unsynchronized cardioversion if patient is unconscious or if monitor does not sync. Automated Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator > 1 shock causing discomfort, lidocaine and pain medication prn. <u>POST CONVERSION (if heart rate > 50/min)</u> SO Lidocaine 1.0-1.5 mg/kg slow IVP (if not already given) SO Repeat dose of Lidocaine 0.5-0.75 mg/kg slow IVP q 5-10 min. to max 3 mg/kg if needed <u>PEDIATRIC NOTE:</u> <p style="text-align: center;">Refer to Pediatric Drug Guide</p></p>

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