PAPAVERINE

Class: Vasodilator.

Indications: Various vascular spasms associated with smooth muscle spasms as in myocardial infarction, angina, peripheral and pulmonary embolism, peripheral vascular disease; cerebral angiospastic states; visceral spasms (ureteral, biliary, and GI colic). Unlabeled: Prevention of vasospasm during harvesting mammary arteries for coronary artery bypass graft surgery

Available dosage form in the hospital: 30MG/2ML PREFILLED SYRINGE, 40MG/2ML AMP

Dosage: Note: Labeled uses have fallen out of favor; safer and more effective alternatives are available. The manufacturer’s labeling recommends the following dosing:

-Arterial spasm: I.M., I.V.: 30-120 mg; may repeat dose every 3 hours; if cardiac extrasystole occurs during use, may administer 2 doses 10 minutes apart


Pregnancy Risk Factor: C