



Pharmacy Grand Rounds

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Don't Lose Your Nerve: Supporting the Denervated Heart after Cardiac Transplantation

Session Date: 08/01/2023

Session Time: 11:00 – 11:45 AM (CST)

Target Audience

This continuing education (CE) session was planned to meet the needs of professional staff who deal with the selection and monitoring of medication(s) as part of their patient care duties, including pharmacists, RNs, APRNs, PAs, MDs.

Activity Overview

Under normal conditions, cardiac inotropy and chronotropy are regulated through hormones, sympathetic innervation, and parasympathetic innervation. After undergoing orthotopic heart transplant, sympathetic and parasympathetic innervation is lost. This significantly impacts baroreceptor and chemoreceptor reflexes, how the heart responds to exercise, and response to certain antiarrhythmic medications. Chronotropic incompetence due to sinus node dysfunction in the immediate post-operative setting which necessitates epicardial pacing and may require the use of pharmacologic agents such as theophylline, terbutaline, albuterol, or isoproterenol. Tachyarrhythmias, which could be related to AV conduction disorders following initial transplant, rejection, or cardiac allograft vasculopathy (CAV), can occur at any time after transplantation. Furthermore, standard antiarrhythmics may be ineffective or require dose adjustments in the newly denervated heart. This presentation will review the literature assessing drug selection and dosing considerations for chronotropic and antiarrhythmic agents that may be utilized in the support of the denervated heart after cardiac transplantation.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this knowledge-based CE session, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the physiological changes in the denervated heart.
2. Identify pharmacological agents for chronotropic support following heart transplantation.
3. Summarize antiarrhythmic selection and dosing considerations for heart transplant recipients.

Faculty Information

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 - Terbutaline
 - Isoproterenol

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