

<b>DRUG:</b>	<b>LIGNOCAINE</b>
<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	Ampoule: 50mg in 5mL (1%)
<b>ACTION &amp; INDICATION:</b>	Type 1b anti-arrhythmic agent used for control of ventricular arrhythmias
<b>DOSE:</b>	Loading dose: 0.5 - 1mg/kg.  Maintenance dose: 10-50 microgram/kg/minute
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	Dilution for Infusion: Withdraw 30mg/kg from each ampoule and dilute it to 50mL with glucose 5%. Infuse at 1mL/hour = 10 microgram/kg/minute
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Intravenous: Over 5 minutes  Intravenous infusion
<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS:</b>	CNS toxicity: drowsiness, agitation, vomiting, muscle twitching. Seizures, loss of consciousness, respiratory, depression  Cardiac toxicity - bradycardia, hypotension, heart block, cardiovascular collapse
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	Continuous monitoring of heart rate, blood pressure and ECG
<b>REFERENCES:</b>	Neofax 2008
<b>DATE:</b>	January 2011