LIDOCAINE (XYLOCAINE)	
CLASS	Antiarrhythmic
ACTION	<ul> <li>Class IB antiarrhythmic agent decreases depolarization, automaticity and excitability in the ventricles during the diastolic phase by direct action on the tissues especially the Purkinje network.</li> <li>Increases the ventricular fibrillation threshold making it more difficult for the heart to go into VF.</li> <li>Suppresses ventricular ectopic activity</li> </ul>
INDICATIONS	<ul> <li>Ventricular Tachycardia</li> <li>Ventricular fibrillation</li> <li>Malignant PVCs</li> </ul>
CONTRAINDICATIONS	<ul> <li>Hypersensitivity to the drug or to the amide-type local anesthetics.</li> <li>High degree heart blocks (2<sup>nd</sup> degree type II, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree)</li> <li>Ventricular ectopy in conjunction with bradycardia</li> </ul>
PRECAUTIONS	<ul> <li>Monitor level of consciousness for signs of CNS toxicity.</li> <li>Consider maintenance infusion after bolus.</li> <li>Maintenance infusion dosage should be reduced if over age 70, liver disease, CHF or shock.</li> </ul>
SIDE EFFECTS	<ul> <li>Confusion; lethargy</li> <li>Anxiety; restlessness; nervousness</li> <li>Lightheadedness</li> <li>Muscle twitching; seizures</li> <li>Bradycardia</li> <li>Hypotension</li> <li>Cardiac arrhythmias</li> <li>Cardiac arrest</li> </ul>
ROUTE	<ul><li>IV push</li><li>Endotracheal (ET)</li><li>IV infusion</li></ul>
DOSE	<ul> <li>1 to 1.5 mg/kg initial dose. Repeat doses of 0.5 to 0.75 mg/kg can be repeated every 5 to 10 minutes to maximum of 3 mg.</li> <li>Ventricular ectopy: 1 to 1.5 mg/kg IVP; repeat doses every 10 minutes at 0.5 to 0.75 mg/kg IVP to maximum of 3 mg/kg.</li> <li>Maintenance drip: 2 to 4 mg/minute</li> </ul>
PEDIATRIC DOSE	<ul> <li>1 mg/kg – may repeat every 3 to5 minutes to maximum of 3 mg</li> <li>Utilize Broselow tape or pediatric weight based dosing chart to confirm dose</li> <li>Reference policy PED-4</li> </ul>
ONSET	45 to 90 seconds
DURATION	10 to 20 minutes
STOCK	(3) 100 mg/5 mL Abbojects (1) Premix bag 2 grams/500 mL Normal Saline