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Prototype

Heparin

Action

Blocks Prothrombin to Thrombin

Indications

Prevents Pulmonary embolism

formation of clots & thrombus

Drug of Choice DIC

For:

Contraindications

Beef/Pork allergies or cultural/religious

objections

Thrombocytopenia

Bleeding disorder

Cautions

Uncontrolled HTN: Heparin makes vessels more friable which could result in a fatal

bleed

Recent surgery

GI ulcers

Adverse Effects

Heparin induced thrombocytopenia with

thrombosis (HITT)

Thrombocytopenia

Drug Interactions

Anticoagulants

Penicillin

Antihistamines

Digoxin

Nitroglycerin

Nicotine

All of these drugs will exacerbate the effects

of Heparin

Nursing Interventions

Monitor Labs: CBC & PTT

Assess for therapeutic drug effect & develo-

Labs

PTT

CBC

(<150)

Therapeutic range = 45-70 sec.

Monitor for thrombocytopenia

pment of AE

Antidote:

Administer in the event of

Protamine Heparin overdose

Sulfate

Administration

SubQ or IV

Route:

Half-life 90 min.

Injection site

IV site will ooze and have

may form

more evident bruising

Hematoma

Drug of Choice for Bridge to other antico-

agulants such as Warfarin

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