

MEDICATION REFERENCE LIST

NOREPINEPHRINE BITARTRATE (LEVOPHED)

- 1. Classification: sympathomimetic alpha and beta agonist**
- 2. Physiologic Effect: acts directly on vascular smooth muscle to produce peripheral vasoconstriction**
- 3. Major Indications:**
 - 3.1. acute hypotension**
 - 3.2. CHF**
 - 3.3. cardiogenic shock**
- 4. Primary Contraindications:**
 - 4.1. hypersensitivity**
 - 4.2. compensatory hypertension**
- 5. Side Effects:**
 - 5.1. hypertension**
 - 5.2. bradycardia**
 - 5.3. retrosternal chest pain**
 - 5.4. fatigue**
 - 5.5. irritation at infusion site**
 - 5.6. thiocyanate toxicity (life threatening)**
- 6. Additional information:**
 - 6.1. Norepinephrine is light sensitive and should be protected from excessive light.**
 - 6.2. the half life is very short**