

MEDICATION REFERENCE LIST

TISSUE PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR (ACTIVASE)

1. Classification: fibrinolytic agent
2. Physiologic Effect: forms the active proteolytic enzyme plasmin which degrades the clot forming protein fibrin
3. Major Indications: acute myocardial infarction or ischemic stroke
4. Primary Contraindications:
 - 4.1. active internal bleeding
 - 4.2. acute pericarditis
 - 4.3. recent trauma
 - 4.4. recent surgery
 - 4.5. bleeding disorders
 - 4.6. uncontrolled hypertension
 - 4.7. current use of anticoagulants
5. Side Effects:
 - 5.1. internal bleeding
 - 5.2. superficial bleeding from cuts
 - 5.3. oozing at catheter site
 - 5.4. ecchymosis
6. Additional information:
 - 6.1. screen carefully for contraindications
 - 6.2. monitor vital signs and ECG closely
 - 6.3. monitor for signs of internal bleeding
 - 6.4. direct pressure at any venipuncture site for a minimum of 5 minutes if bleeding occurs