

Table 1.

Drug	Indication	Dosages
Lidocaine	Sustained VT/VF, torsades	1-1.5 mg/kg, 1-4 mg/min drip
Amiodarone	Sustained VT/VF, ICD shocks	150 mg IV push over 10 min, 0.5 mg/min for 18 hr 800-1,600 mg/day in divided doses (loading) 200-400 mg daily (maintenance)
Sotalol	Sustained VT/VF, ICD shocks	80 mg bid to 160-320 mg bid
Metoprolol XL	CHF	12.5-25 mg 1x daily to 200 mg qd
Carvedilol	CHF	12.5-25 mg daily for 2 wk, to 6-25 mg, to 50 mg bid in >85 kg
Magnesium sulphate	Torsades	1-2 g over 2 min

CHF, congestive heart failure; ICD, implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; VF, ventricular fibrillation; VT, ventricular tachycardia.