

Nitroglycerin (NITROSTAT®)

- Class:** Vasodilator
- Actions:** Reduces peripheral resistance and ↓ venous return to the heart (preload).
- Rx:** Angina, CHF w/acute pulmonary edema.
- Contra:** Hypotension, severe bradycardia, hypovolemia, RV infarction, use of phosphodiesterase inhibitors (sildenafil & vardenafil within 24 hours; tadalafil within 48 hours).
- SE:** H/A, weakness, blurred vision, palpitations, tachycardia, N/V, ABD pain.
- Dosage:** 0.4 mg SL repeated for a total of 3 doses at 5-minute intervals. May exceed 3 doses with physician order.
- Peds:** Not typically used.
- Notes:** Use cautiously in the presence of liver or kidney disease.

Supplied in SVMCA Drug Box: 0.4 mg tablets