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### **EXAMPLE PREMEDICATION REGIMENS**

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Hydrocortisone 200 mg IV 5 hrs and 1 hr prior and Benadryl 50 mg IV 1 hr prior. (urgent, NPO only, ER, inpatient)

# CONTRAST EXTRAVASATION

Elevate arm, cool compress, remove rings. Observe. Consider surgical consultation for decreased perfusion, sensation, strength, active range of motion, or increasing pain. Document reaction & monitor for return of reaction post-treatment

# HIVES/DIFFUSE ERYTHEMA

- Observation; monitor vitals q 15 min.
   Preserve IV access
- If associated with hypotension or respiratory distress then considered Anaphylaxis:
  - O2 6-10 L/min by face mask
  - IVF 0.9% NS wide open; elevate legs > 60°
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  - flush or IV fluids

     Call 911 or CODE BLUE
- 3. If ONLY skin findings but severe or progressive may consider Benadryl 50 mg PO, IM, IV but may cause or worsen hypotension

# HYPOTENSION WITH TACHYCARDIA

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# **BRONCHOSPASM (EXPIRATORY WHEEZES)**

- Preserve IV access, monitor vitals 2. O2 6-10 L/min by face mask
- 3. B2 agonist inhaler 2 puffs; repeat x 3 4. If not responding or severe, then use
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