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	ATROPINE (at-row-peen)
Active ingredients (generic names)	Other antiarrhythmics Not included in this monograph — see individual monograph or AMH for information:  • Adenosine  • Amiodarone  • Digoxin  • Diltiazam  • Disopyramide  • Esmolol  • Flecainide  • Isoprenaline  • Lidocaine (lignocaine)  • Sotalol  • Verapamil
What it is used for	<ul> <li>To increase a very slow heart rate (Life support — DRS ABC)</li> <li>Organophosphate (eg insecticide) poisoning</li> </ul>
How it works	<ul> <li>Helps to increase the heart rate when it is too slow by affecting receptors in the involuntary (parasympathetic) and central nervous systems</li> <li>Blocks the uptake of some poisons (eg organophosphates), helps to reverse the effects</li> </ul>
Side effects	Dry mouth Flushing Blurred vision  Constipation Fast pulse (heart rate)  Difficult to wee / retention of urine Bothered by bright light Delirium

