**Labetalol Alternatives**

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| **Indication** | **Alternative Options** |
| **Acute Hypertension** | Hydralazine 10-20 mg IV q4-6h1Enalaprilat 1.25 mg IV q6h2Reduce dose to 0.625 mg IV if CrCl < 30 ml/min or if no concomitant diuretic therapy |
| **Acute Ischemic Stroke/Hemorrhagic Stroke** | Hydralazine 10-20 mg IV q4-6h1Nicardipine 5 mg/hr IV, titrated as needed to a max of 15 mg/hr3, 4 |
| **Cocaine Toxicity** | Hydralazine 10-20 mg IV q4-6h |
| **Hypertensive Emergency** | Nicardipine 5 mg/hr IV, titrated as needed to a max of 15 mg/hr3Hydralazine 10-20 mg IV q4-6h1Enalaprilat 1.25 mg IV q6h2Reduce dose to 0.625 mg IV if CrCl < 30 ml/min or if no concomitant diuretic therapy |
| **Perioperative Hypertension** | Hydralazine 3-20 mg IV q20-60 minutes1 |
| **Preeclampsia/Peripartum Hypertension** | Hydralazine 5 to 10 mg IV, may repeat with 10 mg IV in 20 minutes1, 5Pregnancy category: CBreastfeeding implications: excreted in breast milk, use with caution in breast-feeding patientsNifedipine 10 mg PO, may repeat with 20 mg PO5, 6 Pregnancy category: CBreastfeeding implications: excreted in breast milk, use with caution in breast-feeding patientsNicardipine infusions may be used in extreme refractory cases. Start at 5 mg/hr and titrate to a max of 15 mg/hr3, 5Pregnancy category: CBreastfeeding implications: minimally excreted in breast milk |

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