2000 Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Emergency Cardiovascular Care

To the Editor:

I would like to bring to your attention some errors in the recently published 2000 Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Emergency Cardiovascular Care.1

On page I-121 of the Guidelines, the maximum daily dose of amiodarone was reported to be 2 g, whereas on other pages (page I-150 and I-165), it was given as 2.2 g, which is the internationally accepted dosage. On page I-123, dobutamine was suggested for the control of hemodynamically significant bradycardia, whereas on page I-156, dopamine is recommended, as is internationally recognized. On page I-150, the interval between vasopressin and epinephrine is stated to be 5 to 10 minutes, whereas on page I-148, the recommended interval is 10 to 20 minutes, which is the normal practice. On page I-191, the maximum suggested bolus dose of heparin was 4000 U/kg; however, it should be a total of 4000 U for patients weighing <70 kg.

These errors may appear confusing, and I hope that these issues are clarified.

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