Allopurinol (high dose), cimetidine, corticosteroids, erythromycin, hormonal contraceptives, interferon, mexiletine, propranolol, quinolones, troleandomycin: May increase aminophylline level.

Aminoglutethimide, carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, rifampin: May decrease aminophylline effects.

Lithium: May increase lithium excretion.

Cyclosporine, digoxin, flecainide, lidocaine, phenytoin, procainamide, quinidine, theophylline: May increase levels of these drugs, resulting in enhanced effects.

Disopyramide, phenothiazines, pimozide, quinidine, sparfloxacin, TCAs: May cause additive effects that lead to prolonged QT interval and torsades de pointes.

General anesthetics: Serious cardiac and CV effects may occur.

Phenytoin: May decrease amiodarone levels.

Warfarin: May increase risk of bleeding.

**amiodarone hydrochloride**

Cordarone, Pacerone

Benzofuran derivative; antiarrhythmic

PRC: D

### Available forms

**Injection:** 50 mg/ml; **Tablets:** 200, 400 mg

### Indications & dosages

➤ Recurrent VF; unstable VT—Adult:

- Loading dose 800-1,600 mg PO daily × 1-3 wk until initial response; then 600-800 mg/d PO × 1 mo; maintenance 200-600 mg PO daily. Or loading 150 mg IV over 10 min (15 mg/min); then 360 mg IV × 6 hr (1 mg/min); then 540 mg IV × 18 hr (0.5 mg/min). After 1st 24 hr, continue maintenance infusion of 720 mg/24 hr (0.5 mg/min).

### Interactions

*Beta blockers, calcium channel blockers:* May increase risk of sinus bradycardia, sinus arrest, and AV block.

*Cholestyramine:* May increase elimination of amiodarone.

*Cimetidine:* May increase amiodarone levels.

*Disopyramide, phenothiazines, pimozide, quinidine, sparfloxacin, TCAs:* May cause additive effects that lead to prolonged QT interval and torsades de pointes.

*General anesthetics:* Serious cardiac and CV effects may occur.

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§ Adjust in immunocompromised patients
¶ Adjust in debilitated patients

**amoxicillin and potassium clavulanate**

Augmentin, Augmentin ES-600, Augmentin XR, Clavulin*

Aminopenicillin, beta-lactamase inhibitor; antibiotic

PRC: B

### Available forms

**Oral suspension:** 125, 200, 250, 400, 600 mg amoxicillin trihydrate and 31.25, 28.5, 62.5, 57, 42.9 mg clavulanic acid, respectively, per 5 ml (after reconstitution);

**Tablets (chewable):** 125, 200, 250, 400 mg amoxicillin trihydrate and 31.25, 28.5, 62.5, 57 mg clavulanic acid, respectively;

**Tablets (film-coated):** 250, 500, 875 mg amoxicillin trihydrate and 125, 125, 125 mg clavulanic acid, respectively

### Indications & dosages

➤ UTI; lower respiratory tract infection, OM, sinusitis, skin and skin-structure in-