

Dysrhythmias

CASE SCENARIO: #11

B.D. is a 55 year old female recently diagnosed with atrial fibrillation for which she was started on quinidine sulfate (Quinidex[®]) and digoxin (Lanoxin[®]). Although the patient did not convert to sinus rhythm on this regimen, she has a ventricular response of 50 bpm. She is on no other medications at this time. Although the regimen is fairly well tolerated, she complains of gastrointestinal upset and diarrhea. A serum digoxin level taken 2 hours after her dose was 3 µg/L and the quinidine level was within the therapeutic range. What are your concerns and how should this patient be managed?