

## **Adult – Understanding Cardiac Medications Fast Track**

**Course Description:** This module is not a pharmaceutical reference, but is a comprehensive guide to understanding how cardiac medications can improve cardiac function. The course is easy to understand, to broaden your assessment capabilities. It will boost both knowledge and confidence when treating cardiac patients.

### **Course Objectives:**

- Describe the four main functions of the heart
- Describe the four classifications of heart malfunction and the treatment goals for each
- Describe the indications, side effects, and contraindications for antihypertensives, diuretics, antiarrhythmics, digoxin, anticoagulants, antiplatelets, nitrates, amiodarone, and ACE inhibitors
- Present tips for educating patients about cardiac medications