Emergency Management of Hyperkalemia (in order of administration)

1. *Calcium gluconate* IV 10ml over 1 minute repeat in 3-5 mins. If no improvement in EKG to stabilize the heart does not decrease potassium
2. *IV Insulin* 10 units in 50 ml of 50% dextrose bolus first then infusion of 5% dextrose at 100cc/hr NEVER dextrose without insulin, potassium will decrease within 15 minutes
3. 20mg of *Albuterol* inhaled over 10 minutes, take 30 minutes to see effect
4. *Sodium Bicarbonate* in patients with residual kidney function only, takes 3-4hrs for potassium to decline
5. Then consider diuretics, kayexalate, hemodialysis