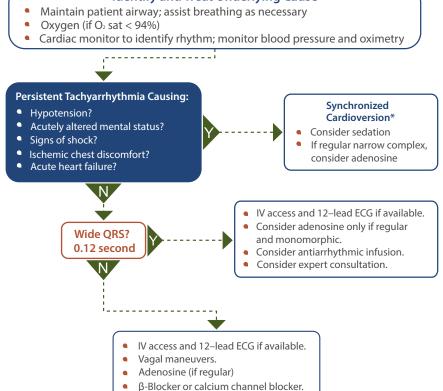
Tachycardia With a Pulse Algorithm



Assess appropriateness for clinical condition. Heart rate typically ≥ 150/min if tachyarrhythmia.

Identify and Treat Underlying Cause



Doses/Details

Synchronized Cardioversion**

Initial recommended doses:

Narrow regular: 50–100 J
 Narrow irregular: 120–200 J
 biphasic or 200 J monophasic

Wide regular: 100 J
 Wide irregular: Defibrillation dose (not synchronized)

Adenosine IV Dose:

Consider expert consultation.

First dose: 6 mg rapid IV push; follow with NS flush.

Second dose: 12 mg if required

Antiarrhythmic Infusions for Stable Wide-QRS Tachycardia Procainamide IV Dose:

20-50 mg/min until arrhythmia suppressed, hypotension ensues, QRS duration increases > 50% or maximum dose 17 mg/kg given. Maintenance infusion: 1–4 mg/min. Avoid if prolonged QT or CHF.

Amiodarone IV Dose:

First dose: 150 mg over 10 minutes.

Repeat as needed if VT recurs. Follow by maintenance infusion of 1 mg/min for first 6 hours.

Sotalol IV Dose:

100 mg (1.5 mg/kg) over 5 minutes. Avoid if prolonged QT.

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If you are reading this page after October 2020, please contact ACLS Training Center at support@acls.net for an updated document. Version 2016.01.a

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