

# PEDIATRIC ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

*2020 Algorithms*



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# Ventricular Fibrillation and Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia

**As soon as possible,  
measure child with  
BROSELOW tape**

Start high quality CPR 100-120/min  
*Ventilate, attach  
monitor/defibrillator*

**Defibrillate 2j/kg**

**Continue CPR** (no pulse check)  
Obtain IV or IO access

**Epinephrine**

IV/IO: 0.01 mg/kg 1:10,000  
**\*USE BROSELOW DOSE\***

**Repeat q3-5 minutes**  
*(consider advanced airway  
with capnography)*

*If no IV/IO access, may give  
ET dose: 0.1 mg/kg (0.1mL/kg  
of 1:1000 concentration)*

**Defibrillate 4j/kg**

**Amiodarone**

5 mg/kg

**\* USE BROSELOW DOSE\***  
*(may be repeated up to 2 times in refractory V-fib/PVT)*

**Defibrillate 4j/kg**

**Epinephrine**

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**Amiodarone**

5 mg/kg

**Defibrillate 4j/kg**

***H's & T's***  
***Treat reversible causes***  
Hypovolemia  
Hypoxia  
Hydrogen ion (acidosis)  
Hypoglycemia  
Hypo/hyperkalemia  
Hypothermia  
Tension Pneumothorax  
Tamponade, cardiac  
Toxins  
Thrombosis, pulmonary  
Thrombosis, coronary

***Never stop CPR for more than 10 seconds: If organized rhythm check pulse;  
if ROSC, start post-cardiac arrest care***



## Pediatric Asystole/PEA

Check pulse/begin high quality CPR



Secure Airway

Ventilate with 100% O<sub>2</sub>



Obtain vascular access, IV or IO



**Epinephrine**

IV/IO: 0.01 mg/kg 1:10,000

**\*USE BROSELOW DOSE\***

(ET: 0.1 mg/kg 1:1,000)



Repeat **Epinephrine** q3-5 minutes

*While providing high quality CPR*



*Consider advanced airway w/capnography*

**Identify & treat reversible causes:**

**Hypoxemia**

**Hypovolemia**

**Hypothermia**

**Hyper/hypokalemia**

**Hypoglycemia**

**Tamponade**

**Tension pneumothorax**

**Toxins/ poisons/ drugs**

**Thrombosis-pulmonary**

**Thrombosis-coronary**

**As soon as possible,  
measure child with  
BROSELOW tape**

***\*\*Patients who do not respond to several doses of epi with no extenuating circumstances should be considered for termination.***



# Bradycardia

**HR <60**

Assess ABCs

Maintain patent airway, assist breathing if necessary



Cardiorespiratory compromise?

Acutely altered mental status?

Signs of shock?

Hypotension?

**NO** ←←←

→→→ **YES**

Support ABC's, oxygen  
Observe, consider 12  
lead ECG, treat  
underlying causes  
Expert consultation

Begin chest compressions if  
pulse is <60bpm despite  
adequate oxygenation and  
ventilation



**Epinephrine**

**\*USE BROSELOW DOSE\***

(IV/IO: 0.01 mg/kg 1:10,000)

(ET: 0.1 mg/kg 1:1,000)



(Repeat Epi q3-5 minutes)



If increased vagal tone or primary AV Block:

**Atropine**

(Max single dose: 0.5 mg for child)

Consider transthoracic/transvenous pacing

Treat underlying causes

**Toxins**

**Tamponade**

**Tension Pneumothorax**

**Thrombosis**

**Trauma**

**Hypoxia**

**Hypoglycemia**

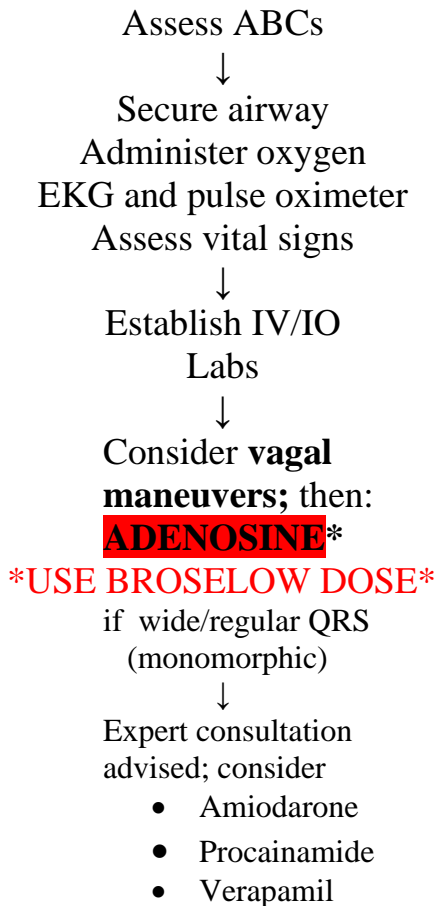
**Hypothermia**

**Herniation of brain stem**

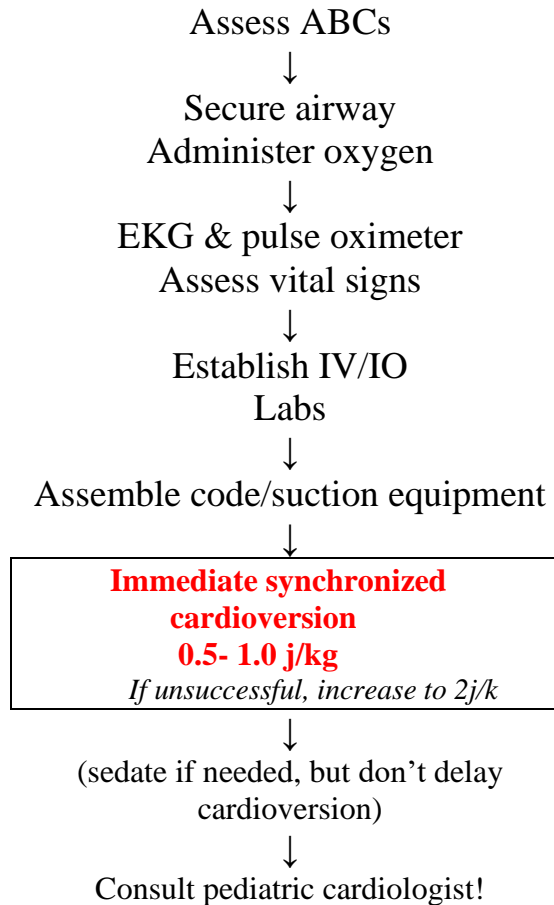
**Heart Transplant**



**Stable**  
**Ventricular Tachycardia**  
 (Child has normal V/s)



**Unstable**  
**Ventricular Tachycardia**  
 (w/signs of poor perfusion)  
*Altered mental status, hypotension, signs of shock*



**Amiodarone IV/IO dose:**  
 5mg/kg over 20-60 min.

**Adenosine IV/IO dose:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> dose: 0.1 mg/kg, max 6mg  
 2<sup>nd</sup> dose: 0.2 mg/kg max 12 mg



**Stable**  
**Supraventricular**  
**Tachycardia**

Assess ABCs  
 12 Lead EKG  
 Administer oxygen  
 Vital signs, IV/IO, Labs  
 Consider vagal maneuvers

**Adenosine\***

0.1mg/kg IV rapidly  
 followed by rapid flush  
 (may double dose and repeat)

Consider **synchronized  
 cardioversion** or alternate  
 medication

Consult pediatric cardiologist

**Unstable**  
**Supraventricular**  
**Tachycardia**

Assess ABCs  
 12 Lead EKG  
 Administer oxygen  
 Vitals, IV/IO, Labs  
 Consider vagal maneuvers

**Immediate synchronized  
 cardioversion**

0.5- 1.0j/kg  
 Sedate if possible (but do not  
 delay cardioversion)

**OR**

**Adenosine\***

0.1 mg/kg IV rapidly  
 followed by rapid flush  
 may double and repeat

**\*USE BROSELOW DOSE**

**Details**

**Probable sinus tachycardia:**

Compatible history consistent  
 with known cause  
 P Waves present/normal  
 Variable R-R; constant PR  
 Infants: rate usually < 220/min  
 Children: rate usually < 180/min

**Search for and treat reversible causes**

**Probable supraventricular tachycardia**

Compatible history (vague, non-specific)  
 History of abrupt rate changes  
 P waves absent/abnormal  
 HR not variable  
 Infants: rate usually >220/min  
 Children: rate usually >180/min

**Consider vagal maneuvers, consider Adenocard**

*If IV/IO access not available, or if adenosine not effective,  
 synchronized cardioversion*

**\*\*CONSULT BROSELOW TAPE FOR DOSES\***