



EMT - Paramedic Treatment Protocol 4208

Dysrhythmia with a Pulse Tachycardia

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This protocol is used for the treatment of patients experiencing tachycardia with pulses and rate related symptoms. It is not to be utilized for sinus tachycardia. The two most common categories are: 1) Supraventricular Tachycardia (SVT) and 2) Ventricular Tachycardia (VT) with a pulse.

SVT is usually a narrow complex rhythm with a rate >150 . This includes paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia and atrial fibrillation/atrial flutter with rapid ventricular response.

VT is a wide complex rhythm with a rate usually <150 but >100 bpm. Occasionally the rate may be >150 , and these patients typically deteriorate rapidly.

For the purpose of this protocol, treatment will be based on assessment of patient's blood pressure and mental status. **Cardioversion will be performed in the field only if the patient has a systolic blood pressure <90 and a decreased level of consciousness.**

This protocol does not apply to sinus tachycardia associated with hypovolemia or other identifiable causes.

- A. Perform **MAMP Protocol 4201**.
- B. **See next Page for Tachycardia Algorithm.**



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Tachycardia Algorithm

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