

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY**



Program Document: **Cardiac Dysrhythmias**

Policy Number: 8024.36

Initial Date: 10/26/94

Last Approved Date: 06/13/24

Effective Date: 11/01/24

Next Review Date: 03/01/26

Signature on File

EMS Medical Director

Signature on File

EMS Administrator

Purpose:

- A. To establish treatment standards for Bradycardic, Supraventricular Tachycardia, and Ventricular Tachycardia Dysrhythmias with pulses for stable or unstable patients.

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

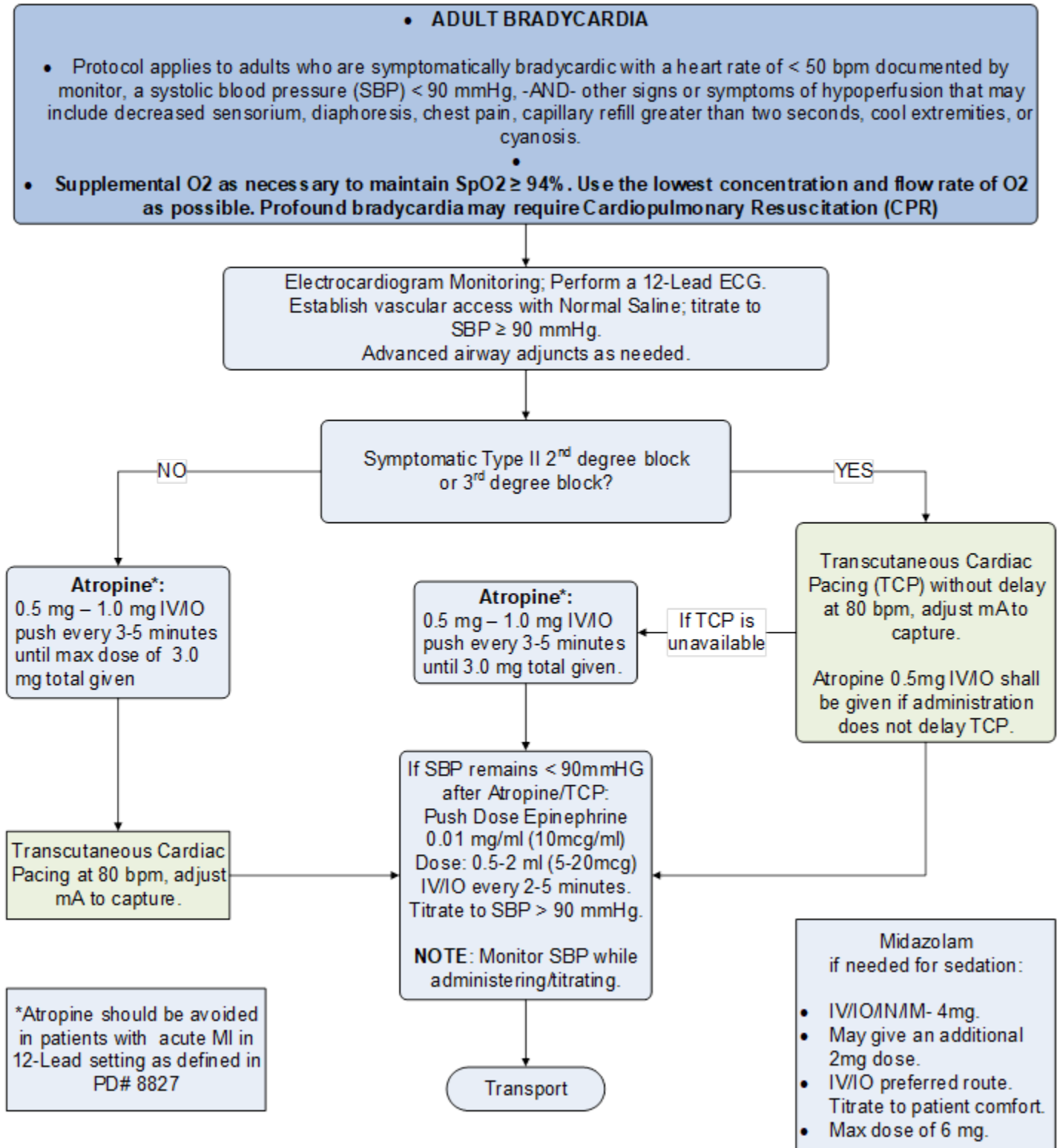
Protocol:

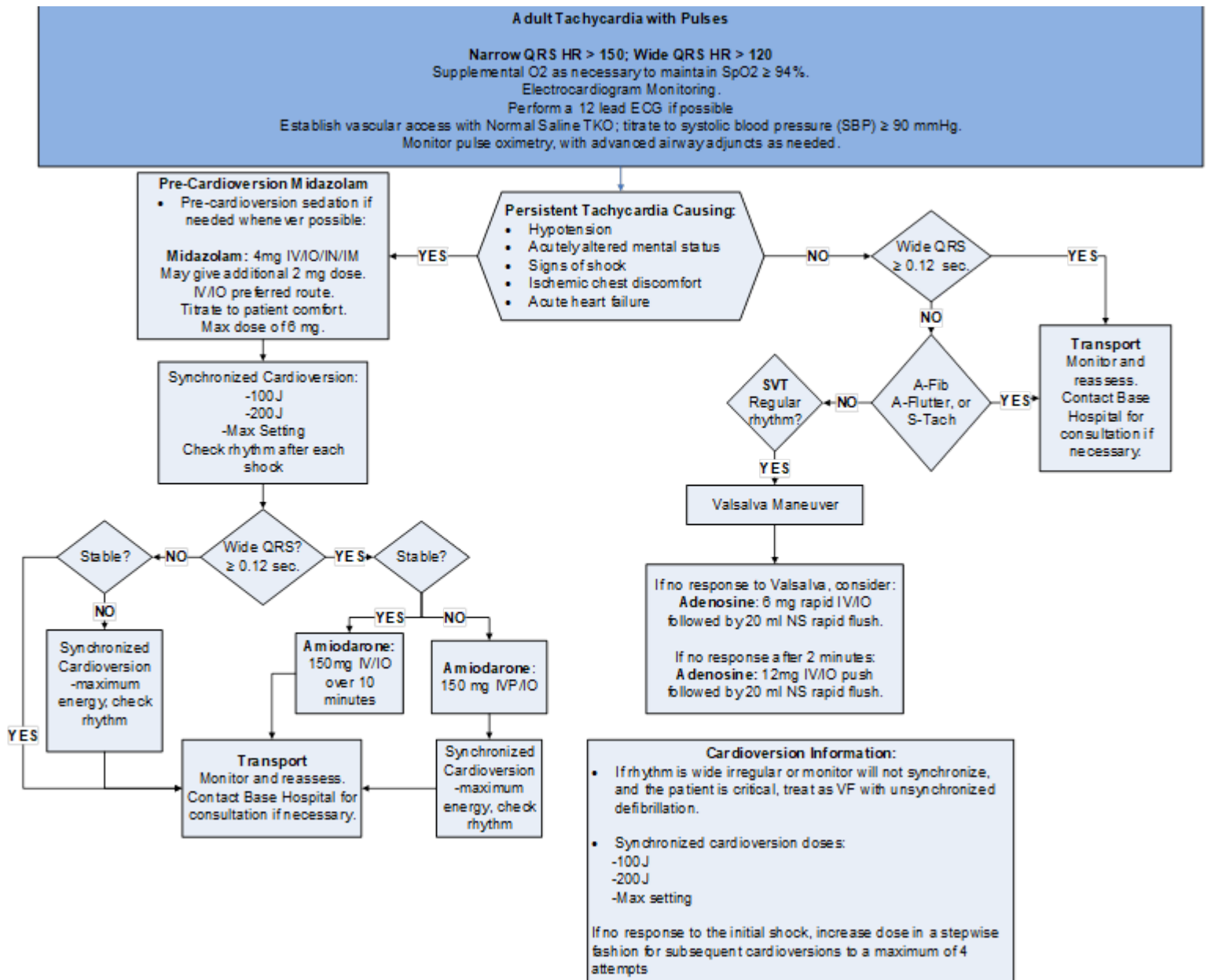
Symptomatic Bradycardia and Tachycardia Dysrhythmias frequently have an underlying cause that should be recognized and treated. It is critically important to determine the cause of the patient's instability in order to properly direct treatment.

Search for and treat possible contributing factors:

1. Hypovolemia
2. Hypoxia
3. Hydrogen Ion (acidosis)
4. Hypo-/hyperkalemia
5. Hypoglycemia
6. Hypothermia
7. Tamponade (Cardiac)
8. Thrombosis (coronary or pulmonary)
9. Tension Pneumothorax
10. Trauma (hypovolemia, increased ICP)

11. Toxins





Cross Reference:

PD# 8810 – Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing