

FORSYTH COUNTY EMS MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

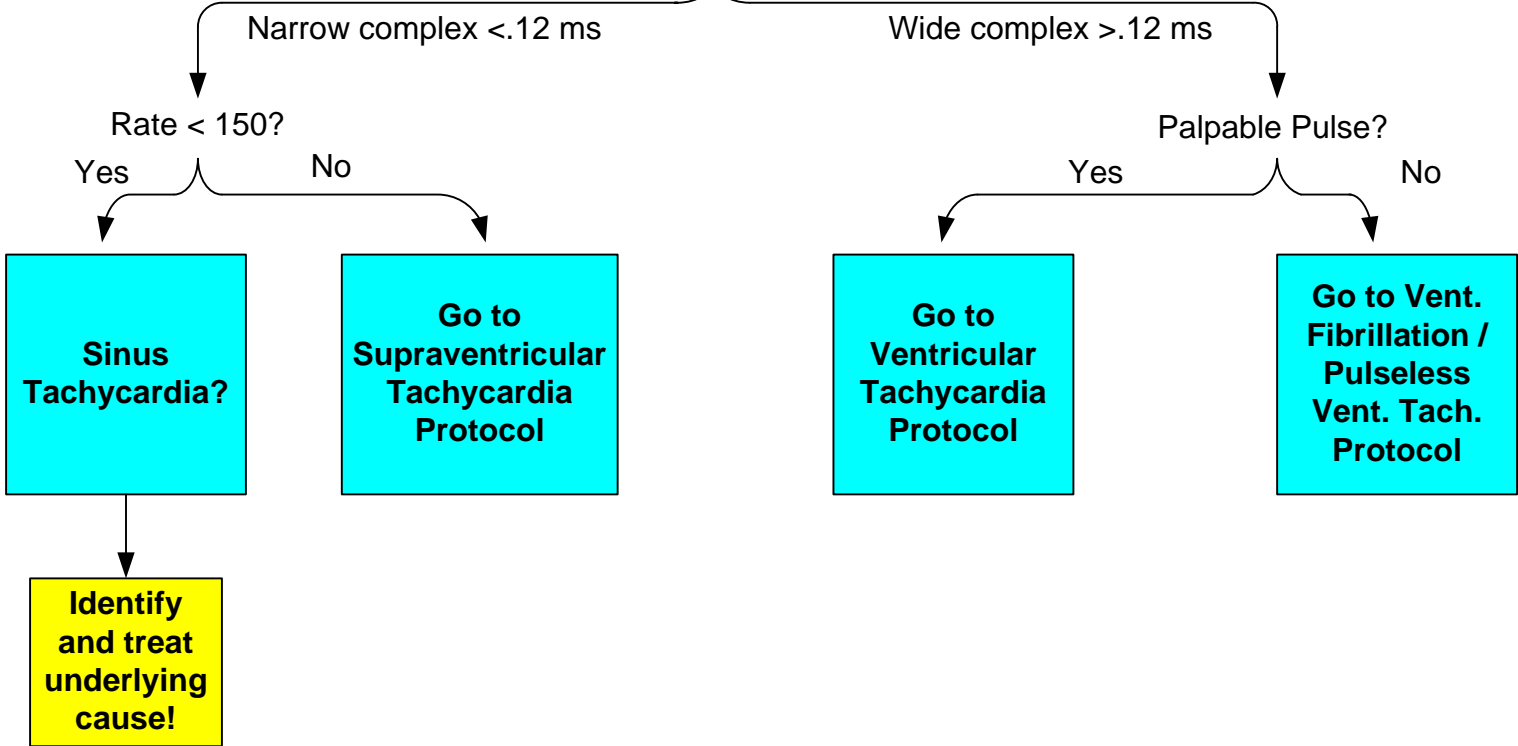
Tachycardia

History: * Medications (Aminophylline, Diet pills, Thyroid supplements, Decongestants, Digoxin) * Diet (caffeine, chocolate) * Drugs (nicotine, cocaine) * Past medical history * History of palpitations / heart racing * Syncope / near syncope	Signs and Symptoms: * HR > 100/min * Dizziness, CP, SOB * Palpitations * Hypotension	Differential: * Heart disease (WPW, Valvular) * Sick sinus syndrome * Myocardial infarction * Electrolyte imbalance * Exertion, Pain, Emotional stress * Fever * Hypoxia * Hypovolemia or Anemia * Drug effect / Overdose * Hyperthyroidism * Pulmonary embolus
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Universal Patient Care Protocol

Legend	
	MR / EMT
	Expanded Scope EMT
	EMT-I
	EMT-P
	Medical Control

Complex Width?



Pearls:
 * Exam: Mental Status, Skin, Neck, Lungs, Heart, Abdomen, Back, Extremities, Neuro
 * A brief trial of Adenosine may be attempted in an unstable patient.
 * Document all rhythm changes with monitor strips and obtain monitor strips with each therapeutic intervention.