



- f. Consider the following additional therapies if bradycardia and symptoms or hemodynamic instability continue:
 - i. Atropine 1 mg IV q 3–5 minutes (maximum total dose of 3 mg)
 - ii. Vasopressor medications (in order of preference)
 - 1. Epinephrine IV drip 0.02–0.2 mcg/kg/min titrated to a MAP greater than 65 mmHg
OR
 - 2. Epinephrine by push dose (dilute boluses): for example, prepare 10 mcg/mL by adding 1 mL of 0.1 mg/mL epinephrine to 9 mL of normal saline, then administer 10–20 mcg boluses (1–2 mL) q 2 minutes titrated MAP greater than 65 mmHg
OR
 - 3. Norepinephrine 0.02–0.4 mcg/kg/minute IV titrated to a MAP greater than 65 mmHg
 - iii. Transcutaneous Pacing – If pacing is performed, consider sedation or pain control
- 2. **Pediatric Management**

Treatment is only indicated for patients who are symptomatic (pale/cyanotic, diaphoretic, altered mental status, hypoxic)

 - a. For infants and newborns, initiate chest compressions for heart rate less than 60 BPM and signs of poor perfusion (altered mental status, hypoxia, hypotension, weak pulse, delayed capillary refill, cyanosis)
 - b. Manage airway and assist ventilations as necessary with minimally interrupted chest compressions using a compression-to-ventilation ratio 15:2 (30:2 if single clinician is present)
 - c. Administer oxygen as appropriate with a target of achieving 94–98% saturation
 - d. Initiate monitoring and perform 12-lead EKG
 - e. Establish IV access
 - f. Check blood glucose and treat hypoglycemia per the [Hypoglycemia Guideline](#)
 - g. Consider the following additional therapies if bradycardia and symptoms or hemodynamic instability continue:
 - i. Epinephrine by push dose (dilute boluses). For example, prepare 10 mcg/mL by adding 1 mL of 0.1 mg/mL epinephrine to 9 mL of normal saline, then administer 0.01 mg/kg (0.1 mL/kg) maximum single dose 10 mcg (1 mL) q 3–5 minutes titrated to MAP greater than 65 mmHg
 - ii. Also consider atropine 0.01–0.02 mg/kg IV with minimum dose of 0.1 mg if increased vagal tone or cholinergic drug toxicity to maximum initial dose of 0.5 mg (maximum total dose of 3 mg)
 - iii. Transcutaneous pacing: If pacing is performed, consider sedation or pain control
 - iv. Epinephrine may be used for bradycardia and poor perfusion unresponsive to ventilation and oxygenation
 - 1. It is reasonable to administer atropine for bradycardia caused by increased vagal tone or cholinergic drug toxicity

Patient Safety Considerations

If pacing is performed, consider sedation or pain control