



2. If torsades, give magnesium 1–2 g IV over 10 minutes
3. Amiodarone 150 mg IV over 10 minutes
 - a. May repeat once as needed
 - b. Administration of amiodarone, if needed, should follow procainamide in patients with Wolff–Parkinson–White syndrome
- viii. **Irregular Wide Complex Tachycardia – Unstable**
 1. Deliver a synchronized shock based on manufacturer’s recommendation
 2. For responsive patients, consider sedation
2. **Pediatric Management**
 - a. Manage airway as necessary
 - b. Administer oxygen as appropriate with a target of achieving 94–98% saturation
 - c. Initiate monitoring and perform 12-lead EKG
 - d. Establish IV access
 - e. Check blood glucose and treat hypoglycemia per the [Hypoglycemia Guideline](#)
 - f. Consider the following additional therapies if tachycardia and symptoms or hemodynamic instability continue:
 - i. **Regular Narrow Complex Tachycardia – Stable (SVT)**
 1. Perform vagal maneuvers
 2. Adenosine 0.1 mg/kg (maximum of 6 mg)
 - a. If unsuccessful, may repeat with 0.2 mg/kg (maximum of 12 mg)
 - ii. **Regular Narrow Complex Tachycardia – Unstable**
 1. Deliver a synchronized shock: 0.5–1 J/kg for the first dose
 2. Repeat doses should be 2 J/kg
 - iii. **Regular, Wide Complex Tachycardia – Stable**
 1. Consider adenosine 0.1 mg/kg (maximum of 6 mg) for SVT with aberrancy
 2. Otherwise give amiodarone 5 mg/kg IV (maximum of 150 mg) over 10 minutes
 - iv. **Regular, Wide Complex Tachycardia – Unstable**
 1. Synchronized cardioversion 0.5–1.0 J/kg

Notes/Educational Pearls

Key Considerations

1. Causes:
 - a. Hypovolemia
 - b. Hypoxia
 - c. Hydrogen (acidosis)
 - d. Myocardial infarction
 - e. Hypokalemia/Hyperkalemia
 - f. Hypoglycemia
 - g. Hypothermia
 - h. Toxins/Overdose
 - i. Tamponade
 - j. Tension pneumothorax
 - k. Thrombus – central or peripheral
 - l. Trauma
 - m. Hyperthyroidism