

# Pediatric Bradycardia

**History**

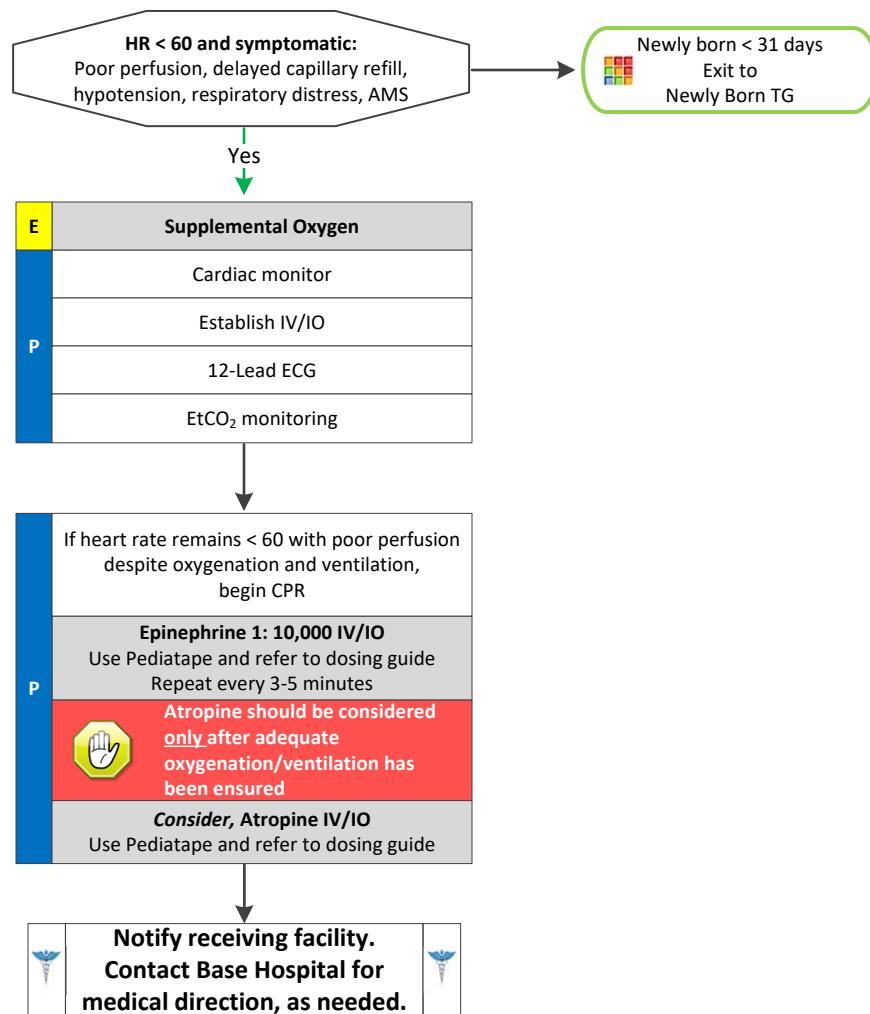
- Past medical history
- Foreign body exposure
- Respiratory distress or arrest
- Apnea
- Possible toxic or poison exposure
- Congenital disease
- Medication (maternal or infant)

**Signs and Symptoms**

- Decreased heart rate
- Delayed capillary refill or cyanosis
- Mottled, cool skin
- Hypotension or arrest
- Altered mental status
- Syncope

**Differential**

- Respiratory failure
  - Foreign body
  - Secretions
  - Infection (e.g. croup, epiglottitis)
- Hypovolemia
- Congenital heart disease
- Trauma
- Tension Pneumothorax
- Hypothermia
- Toxin or medication
- Hypoglycemia
- Acidosis

**Pearls**

- The majority of pediatric bradycardia is due to airway problems.
- Hypoglycemia, severe dehydration and narcotic effects may produce bradycardia.
- Most maternal medications pass through breast milk to the infant.



## Treatment Guideline PC05