

Adult Bradycardia Algorithm

Unstable symptomatic bradycardia bedside card

Emergency & Resuscitation

PHYSICIAN REFERENCE

Assess

- Treat if hypotension, altered mental status, shock, ischemic chest discomfort, or acute heart failure is attributable to bradycardia.

Escalation

- Atropine is first-line in many symptomatic bradycardias; if ineffective, use transcutaneous pacing and/or vasoactive infusion per ACLS.
- Seek expert help and prepare transvenous pacing when indicated.

Do not miss

- MI/ischemia, drug toxicity, hyperkalemia, hypoxia, hypothermia, conduction disease.

Clinical safety note

Use this as a memory aid, not a prescription. Verify current guidelines, local protocols, contraindications, renal/hepatic dosing, pregnancy status, interactions and patient-specific factors before treatment.