Bradycardia Algorithm

Assessment:

- assess ABCs
- secure airway
- administer oxygen
- attach monitor
- assess vital signs and oxygen saturation
- gather history
- perform physical exam

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Bradycardia, either absolute (<60 bpm) or relative

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Serious signs or symptoms?

- chest pain
- shortness of breath
- depressed level of consciousness
- hypotension
- shock
- acute MI
- CHF
- pulmonary congestion

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- **Transcutaneous pacing**, especially for high degree block. If the patient appears uncomfortable, contact medical direction regarding *sedation* and *pain relief.*
- Consider **atropine** 0.5 mg IV while awaiting pacemaker. May repeat to total dose of 3 mg.
- ***Dopamine***
  5-20 μg/kg/min
- ***Epinephrine***
  2-10 μg/min