

Tachycardia Management Algorithm

AIRWAY
Open, maintain and protect as necessary

BREATHING
Administer oxygen if required. Target saturation 94-98%
Ventilate if necessary

CIRCULATION
Assess pulse, blood pressure and perfusion
Attach ECG monitor, pulse oximeter and vital signs monitor if available

DRIP
Establish IV access

ECG RHYTHM
Run rhythm strip to confirm dysrhythmia (12 lead ECG) if possible
Identify and treat underlying causes

**SPECIALIST MEDICAL
ADVICE SHOULD BE
SOUGHT WHENEVER
POSSIBLE**

SIGNS OF INSTABILITY

- Hypotension
- Acutely altered mental state
- Signs of shock
- Ischaemic chest discomfort
- Acute heart failure

TACHYCARDIA
HR > 150/min *See Paediatric Rates

