Approach to Tachycardia
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1) Is this a sinus rhythm with a P wave before every QRS (sinus tachycardia)

2) Is this a narrow regular rhythm
   - SVT - tx with vagal or adenosine
   - Orthodromic WPW - tx with adenosine
   - Atrial flutter - tx by slowing AV conduction (diltiazem)

3) Is this a narrow irregular tachycardia
   - Almost always a-fib - tx by slowing AV conduction (diltiazem)

4) Is this a wide and regular tachycardia
   - V-Tach until proven otherwise - tx with cardioversion
   - Antidromic WPW - tx with adenosine
   - Any narrow complex tachycardia + a bundle branch block

5) Is this a wide and irregular tachycardia
   - Most commonly a-fib with a bundle branch block
   - Atrial fibrillation with WPW - AVOID AV NODE BLOCKERS (adenosine, amiodarone, diltiazem)

Quick Facts
- Unstable patients with non sinus tachycardia NEED CARDIOVERSION
- In sinus tachycardia find and treat the underlying problem
- Aberrancy describes abnormal intraventricular conduction (a bundle branch block)