



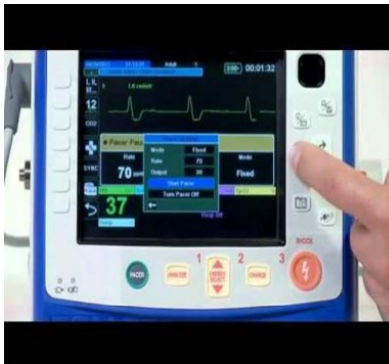
Transcutaneous Pacing

Paramedic

PROCEDURE

- Connect 4 lead wires to patient
- Verify that the heart rate display accurately reflects the patient's pulse rate
- Place pacing pads securely on patient's chest, **Anterior-Posterior Placement is preferred**
- Consider mild sedation/pain management
- Press pacer button, turn pacer to ON.
- Select an output to 50 mA and a rate of 70
- Go up on output by increments of 10 until you can confirm electrical and mechanical capture
- Set threshold to 10 mA above the capture mA or 5 bpm above the rate
- Frequently reassess monitor and patient's pulse rate to verify continued electrical and mechanical capture

REFERENCE GRAPHICS



KEY POINTS

- The 4-lead ECG cables must be attached to pace, the monitor will not pace without these leads attached
- Fixed mode will continue to pace at the set rate and strength regardless of the underlying rate and rhythm. In general, this is the most appropriate setting.
- Demand mode will assess the underlying rhythm and only pace when the heart rate falls below the set rate on the monitor
- **DO NOT DELAY PACING FOR IV ACCESS OR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION.**
 - Consider IM/IN routes for sedation if necessary.