

Patient Management For TAHs

1. **Assess the patients airway and intervene per your protocol.**
2. **Auscultate heart sounds but you can usually hear them without a stethoscope. Since this is pulsatile you should hear two sounds if properly functioning.**
3. **Assess the device for any alarms.**
4. **Look on controller usually found around the waist of the patient and to see what color tag and device it is. The backpack or freedom driver should have a pink tag on it. It will have the type of device this is and contact information to the implantation center.**
5. **Match the color on the device tag to the EMS Guide. The tag on the backpack or freedom driver's colored tag should matches the ems guide. This will tell you how to manage any alarms.**
6. **Intervene appropriately based on the type of alarm, tag (device) and EMS Guide.**
7. **Start Large Bore IV.**
8. **Assess Vital Signs. REMEMBER THERE IS NO EKG. THE PATIENT IS ASYSTOLIC.**
9. **YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE.**
10. **Transport to the closest center that can care for a TAH. Look on the PINK tag to find out this information.**
11. **Bring all of the patients equipment.**
12. **Bring the significant other if possible to act as a expert on the device in the absence of consciousness in the patient.**