



The Rescue Company 1
Critical Care Study Guide



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FP-C Examination Content

The Certified Flight Paramedic Examination consists of 125 Questions and the candidate is provided 2.5 hours to complete the examination. The certification process is focused on the knowledge level of accomplished, experienced paramedics currently associated with a Flight and/or Critical Care Transport Teams. The Questions on the examination are based in sound paramedicine. The candidate is expected to maintain a significant knowledge of current ACLS, PALS, NALS, and PHTLS/BTLS standards. This examination is not meant to test entry-level knowledge, but rather to test the experienced paramedic's skills and knowledge of critical care transport.

As you prepare for the examination, please consider there are a variety of mission profiles throughout the spectrum of transport medicine. Please remember this examination tests the candidates overall knowledge of the transport environment, not the specifics of one individual program. We have included a brief outline below of the topics and skills included in the exam. Though some outline topics are within the paramedic's scope of practice, the exam questions will be related to critical care and are of a much higher level of difficulty.

1. Trauma Management (9)

- Perform patient triage
- Differentiate injury patterns associated with specific mechanisms of injury
- Identify patients who meet trauma center criteria
- Perform a comprehensive assessment of the trauma patient
- Initiate the critical interventions for the management of the trauma patient
- Provide care for the patient with life-threatening thoracic injuries (e.g., pneumothorax, flail chest, tamponade, and myocardial rupture)
- Provide care for the patient with abdominal injuries (e.g., diaphragm, liver and spleen)
- Provide care for the patient with orthopedic injuries (e.g., pelvic, femur, spinal)
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for trauma management

2. Aircraft Fundamentals, Safety and Survival (12)

- Assess the safety of the scene
- Conduct preflight checks to ensure aircraft integrity
- Conduct preflight checks to ensure equipment is present, functional, and stowed
- Observe for hazards during aircraft operation
- Utilize proper safety equipment while in flight
- Maintain a sterile cockpit during critical phases of flight
- Approach and depart the aircraft in a safe manner
- Ensure safety around the aircraft
- Secure the patient for flight
- Participate in crew resource management (CRM)
- Participate in flight mission safety decisions (e.g., Go – No Go, abort)
- Respond to in-flight emergencies
- Fire
- Emergency egress
- Emergent landing
- Adverse weather conditions
- Perform immediate post-accident duties at a crash site
- Build survival shelters
- Initiate emergency survival procedures
- Ensure the safety of all passengers (e.g., specialty teams, family, law enforcement, observer)

- Estimate weather conditions that are below weather minimums

3. Flight Physiology (10)

- Identify causes of hypoxia
- Take corrective measures to prevent altitude related hypoxia
- Identify signs of barometric trauma
- Identify stressors related to transport (e.g., thermal, humidity, noise, vibration, or fatigue related conditions)
- Take corrective action for patient stressors related to transport
- Relate the relevant gas laws to patient condition and treatment
- Relate the stages of hypoxia to patient condition and treatment
- Identify immediate causes of altitude related conditions in patients
- Identify immediate causes of altitude related conditions as they affect the air medical crew
- Provide appropriate interventions to prevent the adverse effects of altitude changes during patient transport

4. Advanced Airway Management Techniques (5)

- Identify the indications for basic and advanced airway management
- Identify the indications and contraindications for specific airway interventions
- Perform advanced airway management techniques
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for airway management
- Implement a failed airway algorithm
- Identify esophageal intubation
- React to intubation complications
- Perform alternative airway management techniques (e.g., needle cricothyrotomy, surgical cricothyrotomy, Seldinger technique, retrograde intubation, LMA)

- Monitor airway management and ventilation during transport
- Use mechanical ventilation

5. Neurological Emergencies (10)

- Conduct differential diagnosis of coma patients
- Manage patients with seizures
- Manage patients with cerebral ischemia
- Initiate the critical interventions for the management of a patient with a neurologic emergency
- Provide care for a patient with a specific neurologic emergency
- Perform a baseline neurologic assessment of a trauma patient
- Perform an ongoing serial evaluation of a neurologic patient
- Assess changes in intracranial pressure using patient level of consciousness
- Perform a focused neurological assessment
- Assess a patient using the Glasgow coma scale
- Manage patients with head injuries
- Manage patients with spinal cord injuries
- Evaluate muscle strength and motor function
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for neurological management

6. Critical Cardiac Patient (20)

- Perform a detailed cardiovascular assessment
- Identify patients experiencing an acute cardiac event (e.g., acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, cardiogenic shock, primary arrhythmias, and hemodynamic instability)
- Use invasive monitoring during transport, as indicated, for the purpose of clinical management

- Provide treatment for patients with acute cardiac events and hemodynamic abnormalities
- Control cardiopulmonary support devices to patient condition as part of patient management (e.g., ventricular assist devices, transvenous pacer, intra-aortic balloon pump)
- Assist in the control of cardiopulmonary support devices to patient condition as part of patient management (e.g., ventricular assist devices, transvenous pacer, and intra-aortic balloon pumps)
- Conduct defibrillation during transport
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for cardiac management

7. Respiratory Patient (10)

- Perform a detailed respiratory assessment
- Identify patients experiencing respiratory compromise
- (e.g., acute respiratory distress syndrome, spontaneous pneumothorax, pneumonia)
- Monitor patient's respiratory status using laboratory values and diagnostic equipment (e.g., pulse oximetry, capnography, blood gas values, chest radiography)
- Provide treatment for patients with acute respiratory events
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for respiratory management

8. Toxic Exposures (6)

- Conduct a physical examination of a toxicological patient
- Decontaminate toxicological patients when indicated
- Administer poison antidotes when indicated
- Provide emergency care for victims of envenomation (e.g., snake bite, scorpion sting, and spider bite)

- Administer appropriate pharmacology for toxic exposures
- Provide treatment for toxicological patients (e.g., medication overdose, chemical/biological/radiological exposure)

9. Obstetrical Emergencies (4)

- Perform an assessment of the obstetrical patient
- Perform fetal assessment
- React to special transport considerations of the obstetrical patient
- Provide treatment for high-risk obstetrical patients
- Assess uterine contractions
- Conduct interventions for obstetrical emergencies (e.g., pregnancy induced hypertension, hypertonic or titanic contractions, cord prolapsed, placental abruption)
- Assess whether transport can safely be attempted or whether delivery should be accomplished at the referring facility
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for obstetrical patients
- Manage emergent delivery

10. Neonates (4)

- Perform an assessment of the neonatal patient
- Reevaluate the clinical assessment and management of the neonate when initial emergency measures fail
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for neonatal patients
- Implement neonatal resuscitation according to established practice
- Manage the isolette transport
- Provide treatment of neonatal emergencies

11. Pediatric (10)

- Perform an assessment of the pediatric patient
- Identify the pediatric patient experiencing an acute
- respiratory event (e.g., epiglottitis, bronchiolitis, asthma)
- Identify the pediatric patient experiencing an acute
- medical event (e.g., meningitis, overdose, seizures)
- Identify the pediatric patient experiencing an acute
- cardiovascular event (e.g., shock, cardiac anomaly, dysrhythmias)
- Identify the pediatric patient experiencing an acute
- traumatic event (e.g., auto v. pedestrian, falls, child abuse)
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for pediatric patients
- Provide treatment of pediatric emergencies

12. Burn Patients (5)

- Perform an assessment of the burn patient
- Calculate the percentage of total body surface area burned
- Calculate appropriate fluid replacement amounts based on the patient's burn injury and physiologic condition
- Diagnose inhalation injuries in burn injury patients
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for burn patients
- Provide treatment of burn emergencies

13. General Medical Patient (16)

- Perform a focused medical assessment
- Identify patients experiencing a medical emergency (e.g., AAA, GI bleed, bowel obstruction, HHNC)
- Use invasive monitoring during transport, as indicated, for the purpose of clinical management
- Provide treatment for patients with medical emergencies
- Manage patient condition utilizing available laboratory values (e.g., blood glucose, CBC, H/H) Administer appropriate pharmacology for the medical patient
- Prevent transmissions of infectious disease
- Provide appropriate pain management
- Evaluate and record patient pain levels

14. Environmental (4)

- Perform an assessment of the patient suffering from an environmental emergency
- Identify the patient experiencing a cold related emergency (e.g., frostbite, hypothermia, cold water submersion)
- Identify the patient experiencing a heat related emergency (e.g., heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps)
- Identify the patient experiencing a diving related emergency (e.g., decompression sickness, arterial gas emboli, near drowning)
- Identify the patient experiencing an altitude related emergency (e.g., HAPE, cerebral edema)
- Administer appropriate pharmacology for environmental emergency patients
- Provide treatment of environmental emergencies

CFRN Examination Content

The CFRN exam consists of 180 items of which 150 items are scored. The remaining 30 items are pretest items for use in future versions of the exam. Pretest items are distributed throughout the exam, the pretest items are not identified, and your answers to these items will not affect your test score in any way.

This Exam is based on flight nursing practice in the United States. The applicant can assume that an item on the exam is referring to an adult patient unless otherwise noted.

CFRN Content List – The CFRN exam contains, but is not limited to the following items.

Single System Emergencies

Cardiopulmonary (27 items)

- Obtain 12-lead ECG
- Evaluate Characteristics of chest pain
- Initiate and manage noninvasive transcutaneous cardiac pacemaker
- Interpret 12-lead ECG
- Determine need for and perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Recognize pericardial Tamponade
- Manage transvenous pacemaker
- Initiate fibrinolytic infusion
- Perform cardioversion/defibrillation
- Auscultate heart sounds
- Initiate ACLS protocols
- Identify patients who are candidates for fibrinolytic agents
- Assist with pericardiocentesis
- Assess for neck vein distention
- Assess peripheral pulses and capillary refill
- Initiate PALS protocols
- Manage IABP during transport
- Perform pericardiocentesis

GI/GU and OB Emergencies (11 items)

- Insert and irrigate NG/OG tubes
- Inspect, auscultate, percuss, and palpate the abdomen
- Assess for flank tenderness and ecchymosis
- Perform neonatal resuscitation
- Assess fetal heart tones (Doppler)
- Perform emergency delivery
- Position a patient who has a prolapsed cord during labor
- Position a pregnant patient for uterine displacement
- Determine risk for delivery during transport
- Manage OB hypertensive disorders
- Manage neonates during transport
- Massage uterine fundus postpartum
- Manage vaginal bleeding/drainage
- Palpate for uterine contractions and fetal movement
- Interpret fetal monitoring strips
- Initiate and manage tocolytic therapy

Maxillofacial and Orthopedic Emergencies (8 items)

- Assess for upper respiratory distress/difficulty
- Assess for maxillofacial trauma
- Inspect oropharynx
- Manage ocular emergencies
- Reduce orthopedic injuries
- Apply a traction splint
- Preserve amputated body part for reimplantation
- Manage pelvic instability
- Immobilize injured extremities
- Assess neurovascular status of injured or immobilized extremity (e.g. compartment syndrome)

Neurological Emergencies (17 items)

- Perform cranial nerve assessment
- Assess drainage from ears and nose for blood and/or CSF
- Perform or maintain full spinal immobilization
- Assess level of consciousness/mental status
- Assess seizure activity and initiate seizure precautions
- Evaluate reflexes (DTRs and clonus)
- Manage increased intracranial pressure
- Identify patients at risk for increased intracranial pressure
- Assess for nuchal rigidity
- Manage ventilation for a patient with suspected head injury
- Assess sensation and motor function
- Monitor intracranial pressure monitor devices

Multi-System Emergencies

Environmental Emergencies (9 items)

- Manage fluid resuscitation for burn injury
- Measure/restore core body temperature
- Determine degree and extent of burn injury
- Evaluate decontamination of patient after exposure to hazardous materials
- Manage heat/cold related emergencies
- Plan measures for treating hazardous materials exposure
- Perform escharotomy
- Manage decompression sickness

General/Medical Emergencies (9 items)

- Assess/manage hematological disorders
- Initiate isolation precautions
- Identify and manage symptoms of hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia
- Assess risk of communicable disease transmission/exposure
- Assess patient for signs of envenomation

- Identify and manage fever
- Assess patient's fluid status
- Maintain patients who are potential organ/tissue donors

Patient Management

Patient Care (12 items)

- Interpret laboratory results
- Perform bedside laboratory testing (glucose,Hgb/Hct)
- Manage Pain
- Evaluate a chest x-ray
- Apply/manage patient restraints
- Evaluate cervical spine x-rays
- Perform primary and secondary surveys
- Plan priorities of patient care management
- Evaluate patient response to interventions (medications, procedures)
- Initiate use of vasoactive drugs
- Calculate and titrate intravenous medication infusions
- Determine care based on age/weight parameters
- Monitor arterial line pressure
- Assess pulmonary artery (Swanz Ganz) wave forms
- Monitor central venous pressure readings
- Calculate appropriate fluid resuscitation for the pediatric patient
- Plan care based on cultural considerations
- Plan care based on developmental stages and age appropriate considerations
- Manage patient with delayed consequences of trauma (DIC, SIRS, MODS, ARDS)
- Develop transport diagnosis/impression based on assessment
- Determine death

Advanced Airway Care (9 items)

- Determine treatment plans based on colormetric end-tidal CO2 results
- Manage patients based on continuous capnography (wave form)
- Select appropriate measures to provide an airway (basic and advanced)
- Determine treatment plans based on pulse oximetry values
- Manage mechanical ventilation
- Perform a needle cricothyrotomy
- Perform oral intubation
- Choose device for oxygen delivery (nasal cannula, mechanical ventilator, mask)
- Perform nasal intubation
- Perform rapid sequence induction intubation
- Manage patients with surgical airway (Cricothyrotomy and tracheostomy)
- Suction Airway
- Insert nasal and/or oral airway
- Ventilate patient using a bag-valve-mask device
- Maintain neuromuscular blockade with sedation
- Facilitate airway management using alternative airway devices (LMAs, Combitube, bougie)
- Manage BiPAP
- Perform a surgical cricothyrotomy

Respiratory (7 items)

- Evaluate the patient's response to oxygen therapy
- Interpret results of arterial blood gas studies
- Maintain chest tube and drainage systems
- Assess for abdominal breathing patterns
- Assess for inhalation injury
- Perform needle Thoracotomy
- Administer nebulizer treatment
- Assess for pulsus paradoxus

- Inspect, palpate, percuss, and Auscultate chest
- Manage chest wall injury
- Develop plan of care based on mechanism of injury
- Perform tube Thoracotomy

Shock/Trauma (7 items)

- Assess and manage shock
- Administer blood products
- Monitor urinary output
- Perform rapid volume resuscitation
- Initiate ATLS/TNATC protocols
- Perform Trauma Score assessment
- Control visible hemorrhage
- Apply dressings to wounds
- Assess for soft tissue injury
- Manage patient based on type of shock
- Place a central intravenous line

Substance Abuse/Toxicological (3 items)

- Determine need for medication antagonist in an overdose situation
- Perform gastric emptying for toxic substance ingestion
- Plan measures for treating complications of toxic ingestion/inhalation/exposure
- Consult information resources about management of poisoning
- Recognize patients with drug overdose
- Identify substance abuse patients at risk for acute withdrawal symptoms

Transport Considerations (6 items)

- Assess and manage violent behavior
- Manage patient transport stressors
- Determine necessity for diversion
- Determine appropriate mode of transport (rotor, ground, fixed wing)
- Determine emergent versus non-emergent transport status (lights and sirens, code 3)
- Plan for treatment of effects due to illness

Safety Issues

Safety (9 items)

- Assist in safe transport vehicle operation
- Perform vehicle decontamination and disposal of biohazardous waste
- Secure patient in the transport vehicle
- Secure equipment in the transport vehicle
- Manage crew transport stressors
- Communicate with EMS personnel
- Manage radio communication operations
- Report patient's condition to receiving staff
- Teach pre-hospital care workers to prepare a landing zone for helicopter
- Ensure security of aircraft at landing areas
- Assist with extrication
- Assist with flight following
- Assist with navigation

Disaster Management (3 items)

- Triage patient care during a disaster
- Implement steps of disaster plan
- Participate in a plan for mass casualties
- Participate in a plan for effects of Weapons of mass destruction

Survival (4 items)

- Train for transport vehicle emergencies
- Ensure safety of team and patient(s) in post-crash situation
- Participate in emergency operations plan
- Operate emergency locator transmitter (ELT)

Professional Issues

Legal (3 items)

- Notify authorities of reportable situations
- Evaluate patient's capacity to refuse treatment
- Ensure preservation evidence for legal/forensic situations
- Assess for signs of abuse
- Recognize legal requirements for transport (EMTALA, HIPPA)
- Provide documentation of transport care

Organizational Issues (3 items)

- Participate in conflict resolution
- Participate in critical incident stress management
- Participate in quality assurance/improvement activities
- Evaluate applicability of published evidenced-based research to practice

Patient/Community Education (3 items)

- Inform patients/families regarding procedures/patient condition
- Provide public education
- Provide transport safety briefing to patient/family member prior to transport
- Provide support to family after patient death
- Participate in continuing education/in-service
- Orient new staff to work responsibilities

FLIGHT PHYSIOLOGY

Boyle's Law -The volume of a gas is inversely proportional to the pressure of a gas at a constant temperature.

$$(P1)(V1) = (P2)(V2)$$

Ascent=Expansion of gas

Descent=Contraction of gas

Effects on Patients

-Barotitis media

-Barodontalgia

-Barosinusitis

-Barobariatrauma

-GI Complications

Effects on Equipment

-ETT cuffs

-MAST pants

-IV drip rates

Charles' Law - At a constant pressure, the volume of gas is directly proportional to the absolute temperature of the gas. It is directly proportional relationship between temperature and volume.

$$V1/T1 = V2/T2$$

Climb 100m = 1degree Celsius drop

Effects on Patients/Equipment with Charles' Law:

-Gas volume expands as temperature increases.

-Gas volume shrinks as temperature decreases.

Gay-Lussac's Law - Directly proportional relationship between temperature and pressure

$$P1/T1 = P2/T2$$

Similar to Charles' Law

Henry's Law - Deals with the solubility of gases in liquid. The quantity of gas dissolved in 1cc of a liquid is proportional to the partial pressure of the gas in contact with the liquid.

Graham's Law - The diffusion rate of a gas through a liquid medium is directly related to the solubility of the gas & inversely proportional to the square root of its density.

Means gases diffuse from a higher concentration to an area of lower concentration.

Dalton's Law - The total pressure of a gas mixture is the sum of the partial pressures of all the gases in the mixture.

$$Pt = P1 + P2 + P3 + P4 + \dots$$

Stressors of Flight

1. Decreased partial pressure of oxygen
2. Barometric pressure
3. Thermal changes
4. Decreased humidity
5. Noise
6. Vibration
7. Fatigue
8. G-forces

DEATH-factors effecting flight stressors

D – Drugs

E – Exhaustion

A - Alcohol

T – Tobacco

H – Hypoglycemia

The Principle of Atmospheric pressure

At sea level, the weight of a one square inch column of air extending to the edge of space is called “one atmosphere”. This refers to “atmospheric pressure”. (ATM) 1 ATM weighs 14.7 lbs (760 mmHg [torr])

As you ascend the pressure becomes less (0.5 ATM or 380 mmHg at 18,000ft)

As you dive in water you increase the forces (or weight) on your body by 1 ATM for every 33 feet you are submerged, hence the term diving “1 atmosphere”.

Altitude Zones

Physiologic zone – sea level to 10,000 ft

Physiologically deficient zone – 10,000 to 50,000 feet

Space-equivalent zone – 50,000 to 250,000 feet

Space – 250,000 feet

Hypoxic Hypoxia-deficiency in alveolar O₂ exchange- AKA altitude Hypoxia

Hypemic Hypoxia-reduction in the O₂ carrying capacity in the blood, hemorrhage, anemia, and drugs (sulfanilamide nitrates)

Histotoxic Hypoxia-a result of poisoning or metabolic disorders; cyanide, ETOH, CO poisoning

Stagnant Hypoxia-reduced cardiac output or pooling of blood; heart failure, PE, Shock

Stages of Hypoxia

Indifferent stage – slightly increased HR and RR, decreased night vision

Compensatory stage – increased BP occurs, impairment of task performance occurs

Disturbance stage- dizziness, sleepiness, tunnel vision, and cyanosis

Critical stage – marked mental confusion and incapacitation

Changes with altitude

PaO₂ decreases 5 mmHg per every 1000 ft increase in altitude

Oxygen Adjustment Calculation

$$\frac{(\% IO_2 \times P_1)}{P_2} = \% IO_2 \text{ for altitude}$$

Effective Performance Time

The amount of time a FCM is able to perform useful flying duties in an inadequately oxygenated environment

Time of Useful Consciousness The elapsed time from exposure to Oxygen deprived environment to the point where deliberate function is lost

ACID BASE BALANCE & OXYGENATION MANAGEMENT

Cellular metabolism

Aerobic Energy

Glycolysis >>> Pyruvic acid (2 ATP)

Pyruvic acid >>> Acetyl Coenzyme A

- Crebs Cycle
- Electron Transport Chain (32-34 ATP)

Anaerobic Energy

Glycolysis >>> Pyruvic acid

Pyruvic Acid >>> Lactic Acid

ATP production

Clean or aerobic metabolism of ATP requires glucose and O₂; the bi-products are CO₂ and H₂O

Lack of glucose or O₂ causes an alteration in ATP metabolism; the bi-product is lactic acid

Oxygen Delivery

Cellular aerobic metabolism is dependent on adequate O₂ delivery (FIO₂)

- ability to carry O₂ (hemoglobin)
- ability to move O₂ (cardiac output)
- ability to extract O₂ to cells

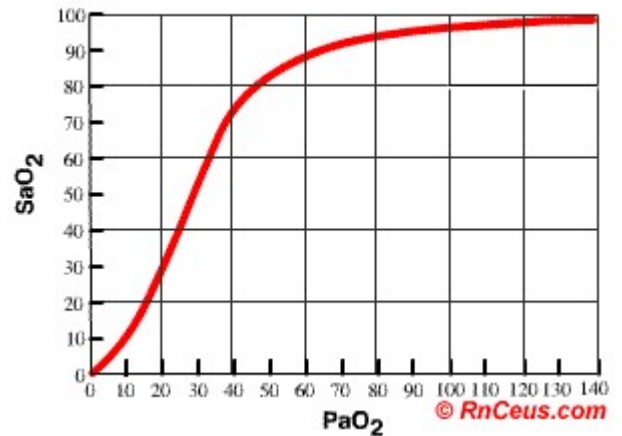
Shock

Shock most simply defined is inadequate tissue oxygenation

Acid Base balance – Primary Buffering Systems

- Carbonic Acid-bicarbonate buffer system operates in the blood, lungs, and kidneys
- Normal relationship between bicarb and carbonic acid is 20:1
- $H^+ + HCO_3 \leftrightarrow H_2CO_3 \leftrightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$

OxyHemoglobin Dissociation Curve



The lungs can adjust the amount of carbonic acid by blowing off or holding on to CO₂

The Kidneys can reabsorb or excrete bicarb or H⁺ PRN; the kidneys also make new bicarb

Does ETCO₂ = PCO₂?

Consider

- CO₂ production and diffusion
- Cardiac Output
- Ability to diffuse CO₂ into alveoli
- Minute Volume

Acid Base Balance – Secondary Buffering Systems

- Protein buffering system
- Primarily ICF (phosphates) but ECF also
- Hemoglobin binds with H⁺ and CO₂ bound hgb becomes weak acid
- Bone exchanges calcium, phosphate, and releases carbonate; regulates within hours to days of imbalance

Ionic shifts involve the exchange of intracellular K⁺ and NA⁺ for H⁺

- Regulates within 2-4 hours of imbalance
- K⁺ will change approximately 0.6 mEq for every 0.1 change in pH

Normal ABG Parameters

	Arterial	Mixed Venous
• PH	7.35-7.45	7.31-7.41
• CO ₂	35-45	40-50
• HCO ₃	22-26	22-26
• PaO ₂	80-100	35-45
• SaO ₂	>95%	70-75%
• BE - 2/+2 - 2/+2		

ABG interpretation – General Rules

HIGH CO₂ – suggests Acidosis

HIGH HCO₃ – suggests Alkalosis

- Look at pH: Always tells you the PRIMARY problem.
 - Normal 7.35 - 7.45
 - Acidosis < 7.35
 - Alkalosis > 7.45
- Look at pCO₂ to confirm or eliminate a respiratory problem
 - Normal 35 – 45
 - Alkalosis < 35
 - Acidosis > 45
- Look at Bicarbonate
 - Normal 22 – 26
 - Acidosis < 22
 - Alkalosis > 26
- Look at pO₂
 - Normal > 80
 - Hypoxemia < 60

Adjustment for aging 80 – (age-60)

Step 1

Look at pH, get Last name from the pH

Acidosis/Alkalosis

- pH 7.22
- pH 7.47
- pH 7.28
- pH 7.50
- pH 7.37

Step 2

Look at the PCO₂ and HCO₃, which value represents a condition consistent with the ABG's last name

	Respiratory	Metabolic
• pH 7.19	PCO ₂ 66	HCO ₃ 25
• pH 7.27	PCO ₂ 38	HCO ₃ 15
• pH 7.58	PCO ₂ 12	HCO ₃ 22
• pH 7.48	PCO ₂ 42	HCO ₃ 33
• pH 7.09	PCO ₂ 60	HCO ₃ 10

Compensation vs. Mixed Disturbances

Look at HCO₃ and CO₂:

- do they move in opposite directions (normal compensation)?
- is the magnitude of compensation reasonable (expected in a non mixed disorder) or is it more or less than expected.

Mixed disturbances are suggested by:

- pCO₂, HCO₃ moving in the same direction
- Greater than expected compensation
- Less than expected compensation
- High anion gap

Base deficit reflects the end point of resuscitation

$$BE = -5/+3$$

Critical Care Review

Golden Rules of ABG Analysis

1. For every 10 mmHg change in CO₂, the pH will change 0.08 in the opposite direction.
2. For every change in bicarbonate of 10 mEq, the pH will change 0.15 in the same direction.
3. Formula for calculating bicarbonate replacement

$0.1 \times Wt \text{ in Kg} \times \text{Base deficit} = \text{mEq bicarb needed}$

Respiratory Acidosis

pH < 7.40 with a CO₂ > 45

See Rule #1

The result of failure to remove CO₂!

Rapid Causes:

- Failure to get CO₂ to lungs
- Failure to remove CO₂ from the lungs

Slow Causes:

- Bronchospasm and COPD
- V/Q Mismatch
- Pulmonary Edema

Ventilator Management:

1) $V_e = V_t \times \text{Rate}$

Minute Volume; appropriate V_t

2) Formula 6-10cc/Kg Lean body mass

V_t – Dead Space = volume of alveolar ventilation

Monitor PIP/PAP

If the PAP/PIP does not change, ALWAYS increase V_t before rate!

Consider increasing the rate.

Respiratory Alkalosis

pH greater than 7.40 with a CO₂ less than 35

Rule # 1 still applies

Usually result of alveolar hyperventilation

Causes:

Tissue Hypoxemia

- a) Decreased Supply
 - Anoxia
 - Anemia
- b) Increased Demand
 - Gram-negative sepsis
 - Hyperthermia

Early Salicylate poisoning

Mechanical Hyperventilation

Anxiety

Treatment of Respiratory Alkalosis

- Control Anxiety
- Administer anxiolytics PRN
- Decrease Minute Volume – V_e

Metabolic Acidosis

pH is less than 7.40 with bicarb less than 22

See Rule #2 and #3

Causes:

Increased organic acid production

- Lactic acidosis
- Ketoacidosis

Decreased organic acid removal

- Renal Failure

Addition of exogenous acids

- Poisoning

Decreased bicarbonate

- Diarrhea
- Renal tubular acidosis
- Hyperchloremia

Anion Gap

The anion gap is a measure of the difference between Cations and Anions

$$Na^+ - (Cl^- + HCO_3^-) = \text{Anion Gap}$$

Normal = 9-12

Cations

Calcium Ca^{2+}

Magnesium Mg^{2+}

Potassium K^+

Sodium Na^+

Ammonium NH_4^+

Anions

Chloride Cl^-

Bicarb HCO_3^-

Nitrate NO_3^-

Phosphate PO_4^{3-}

Cyanide CN^-

The larger the anion gap the more severe the acidosis

Causes:

Methanol **Propylene glycol**

Uremia **Isoniazide/Iron**

DKA **Lactate**

Ethylene Glycol

Salicylate

Treatment:

- Treat underlying Cause
- Use Rule #3 to replace bicarb
- Correct by 50% with a bolus then the other 50% over an Hour

Metabolic Alkalosis

pH is greater than 7.40 with bicarb greater than 26

Too little H^+ or too much HCO_3^-

Usually a result of losing H^+ , K^+ , Na^+ , Cl^-

Causes:

GI loss of chloride

- Emesis
- NG suctioning

NOTES

Renal loss of Cations

- Diuretic therapy
- Steroid Therapy
- Aldosteronism

Cation deficiencies

Antacid poisoning

Treatment of Metabolic Alkalosis

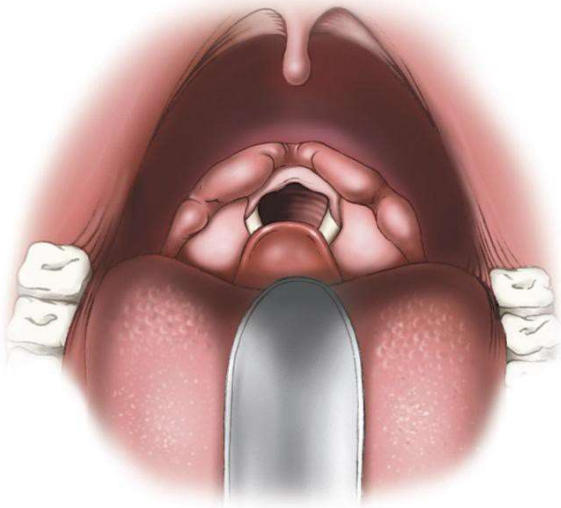
K⁺, Mg⁺⁺, Na⁺, Ca⁺⁺ replenishment

- Kidneys stop excreting H⁺ ions and excrete K⁺ and Cl⁻

Treat underlying Causes

Critical Care Review

AIRWAY



Indications for Intubation

Airway patency

- “Gag reflex” vs. Ability to swallow
- Oxygenation or ventilation failure
- Expected clinical course

*All algorithms lead to **FAILED***

Inappropriate RSI may be the most costly error made

Any patient near death or any patient with a predicted difficult airway is **not** an RSI candidate

RSI - CRASH AIRWAY

-Who needs intubation?

The first 2 key questions

-Is my patient near death?

-Is my patient a predicted difficult airway?

1. Will you need pharmacologic agents?
2. How likely are you to “get the tube?”
3. What about when you don’t?

DIFFICULT AIRWAY - FAILED AIRWAY

-Maintaining SaO₂ over 90% is “key”

The 2 key questions

-Am I going to be able to ventilate?

-Am I going to be able to intubate?

Can’t intubate?

Can’t ventilate? =100% mortality rate

Rescue airway vs. Surgical?

Is SaO₂>90% and maintainable?

SaO₂<90% = CRIC!

IF SaO₂>90% = RESCUE AIRWAY until someone rescues you...

Rapid Sequence Induction

7 Ps

1. Preparation
2. Pre-oxygenation
3. Pretreatment
4. Paralysis with induction
5. Protection and positioning
6. Placement with proof
7. Post-intubation management

Preparation

- Less invasive means vs. rapid success
- Anatomical or medical contraindications

Predicting Difficulty

Look

Evaluate 3-3-2 rule

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Obstructions

Neck Mobility

Cormack and Lahene Grades

GRADE I - entire glottis opening visible

GRADE II - arytenoids cartilages or posterior portion of glottic opening is visible

GRADE III - Epiglottis only is visible

GRADE IV – Tongue and/or soft palate only is visible



Mallampati Scoring

Class I – soft palate, uvula, anterior & posterior tonsillar pillars

Class II – tonsillar pillars hidden by tongue

Class III – only the base of the uvula can be seen

Class IV – uvula cannot be visualized at all

BVM Issues - Cric Issues

-Suction Mask Seal

-Oxygen Obesity

-Drugs Age

-Airways No Teeth

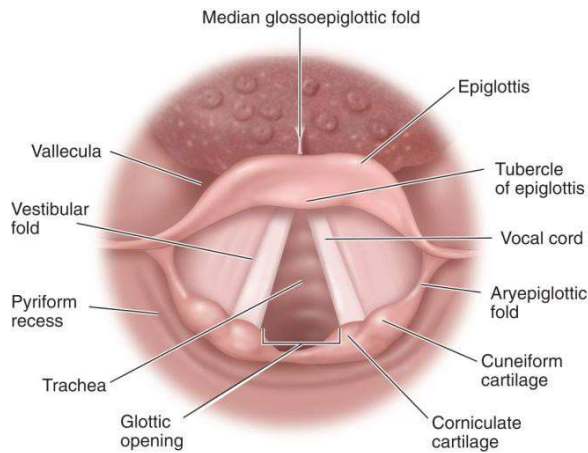
-Stiff

-Surgery

-Hematoma

-Obesity

-Pre-oxygenation



Optimal techniques avoid positive pressure ventilation (NRB vs. BVD)

Pretreatment: (LOAD) (Not normal)

Lidocaine 1.5mg/kg

Opiates for analgesia (Fentanyl 3mcg/kg)

Atropine in the Pedi patient 0.02 mg/kg

Defasciculating neuromuscular blockade

-10% normal RSI dosage of NMBA

Paralysis with induction

Wait three minutes after premedication, then administer the induction agent followed by paralytics.

Medication Dosage Onset Duration

Etomidate 0.3mg/kg 30-60 sec/ 3-5 minutes

Fentanyl 15-30 mcg/kg 60 sec /30-60 minutes

Ketamine 1.0-2.0 mg/kg 30-60 sec /15 minutes

Midazolam 0.2-0.3 mg/kg 1-2 min /1-2 hours

Thiopental 3-6 mg/kg 20-40 sec /5-10 minutes

Medication Dosage Onset Duration

Succinylcholine

1-2 mg/kg 1-2 min 4-6 min

Rocuronium

0.5-1.0 mg/kg 1-2 min 20-40 min

Vecuronium

0.1 mg/kg 2-3 min 20-40 min

Atracurium

0.4-0.5 mg/kg 2-3 min 20-45 min

Pancuronium

0.01- 0.04 mg/kg 3-5 min 60-100min

Pharmacology

Succinylcholine –depolarizing (non competitive) neuromuscular blocking agent

Mechanism of action - Stimulates motor end plate acetylcholine receptors causing persistent depolarization

Indications - Paralysis to facilitate intubation

- limit the possibility of aspiration

Contraindications - Penetrating eye injuries, narrow angle glaucoma, Hx of malignant hyperthermia (Dantrolene), burns greater than 24 hours old, hyperkalemia

Duchenne's muscular dystrophy in children

Protection and Positioning

Protect -Apply cricoid pressure to prevent passive regurgitation. If active regurgitation occurs, release cricoid pressure and place patient in recovery position/log roll.

“Active regurgitation” vs. “Silent regurgitation”

Positioning

C-spine issues

-Kyphosis

-Bull-neck

Sizes

Women 7.0-8.0 ETT

Men 8.0-9.0 ETT

Peds Age + 16 / 4

Miller/straight blade - Inserted under the epiglottis

Mac/curved blade - Inserted in the vallecula

Securing at the teeth

-Women 21cm

-Men 23 cm

Proof

Primary

-Visualized placement

-Lung/Stomach sounds

Secondary

- Aspiration devices

-Cholormetric devices

-Capnometry/Capnography

-X-ray

Post-intubation Management

-Don't forget to ventilate them

-Secure ETT with commercial restraint device

-Continued sedation

-Consider continued paralysis

Monitoring

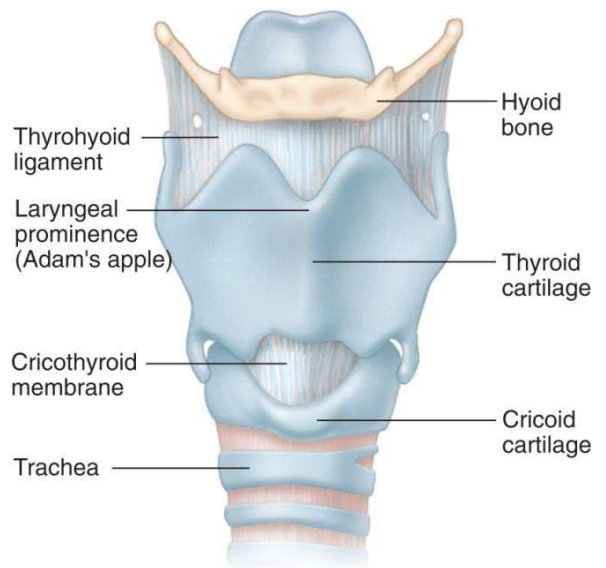
-ECG

-SaO₂

-ETCO₂

-NIBP

-Temperature



Needle & Surgical Airways

-Used to secure an airway when other means fail

-Surgical Cric more preferable than Needle Cric

Contraindications

Landmarks – must be able to palpate landmarks

Procedure

1. Identify landmarks
2. Stabilize
3. Make skin incision
4. Identify Cricothyroid membrane
5. Make horizontal incision completing
Translaryngeal airway

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Critical Care Review

Hemodynamic Monitoring

Levels of hemodynamic monitoring

Arterial, Central Venous, Pulmonary Artery

PA catheters allow for monitoring of vascular tone, myocardial contractility, intracardiac pressures, cardiac output, and fluid balance.

Basic Hemodynamic Monitoring

PA pressure waveforms reflect the mechanical events in the cardiac cycle.

Nervous system control

The kidneys receive 25% of cardiac output each minute

In response to decreased blood flow the bodies will always vasoconstrict

- (unless it can't)

CHF -

Major revisions in care targeted toward a decrease in ventricular remodeling

Ventricle dysfunction will result in over distention. Over distention promotes the release of BNP a measurable peptide

Divided in systolic and diastolic failure syndromes

Systolic

-Failure of ventricular muscle to generate adequate contractility to promote forward flow of blood

Diastolic

-Failure of non distendable ventricle to fill during diastole

Goals of therapy -Reduce cardiac workload

Decrease preload

-Nitro, MsO4, Lasix

Decrease after load

-Nipride, Natracor

Decrease rate

-Beta Blockade --- Carvidolol only!

Carvedilol is both a beta blocker (β_1, β_2) and alpha blocker (α_1):

Improve contractility

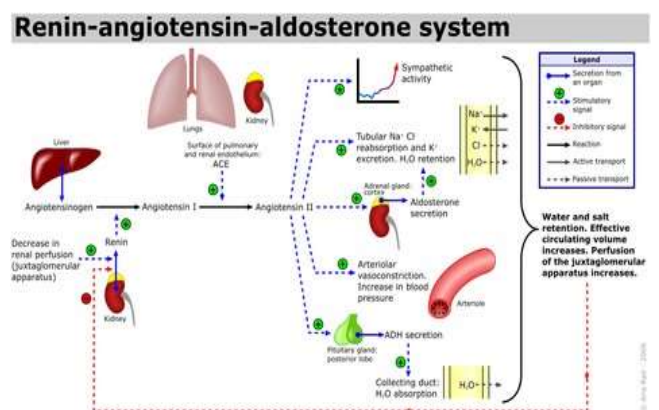
Inotropic Agents

-Dobutamine, Amrinone, Milrinone

Prevent ventricular remodeling

-ACE Inhibitors

- Enalapril, Captopril, Zestril



Cardiogenic Shock — inadequate cardiac pumping resulting in decreased cardiac output and hypotension.

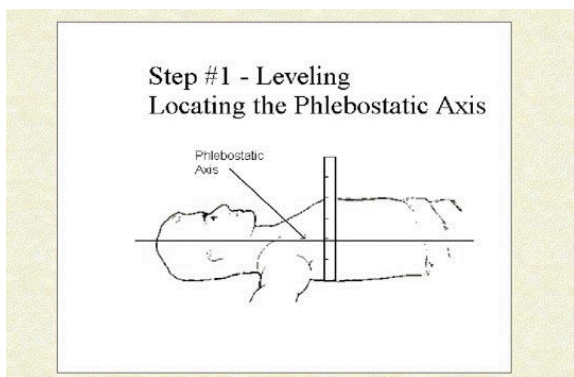
Pharmacologic management includes

- Dobutrex, dopamine and Inocor to improve cardiac output
- Vasodilators such as Nipride and nitro and vasoconstrictors such as Levophed
- IABP and LVAD therapy

Types of Hemodynamic Catheters

Pressure Monitoring Setup

1-Purge and Flush Line, pressurize fluid, place transducer at phlebostatic axis, attach tubing, close stopcock to patient, zero, and open to patient and fast flush



Arterial Lines

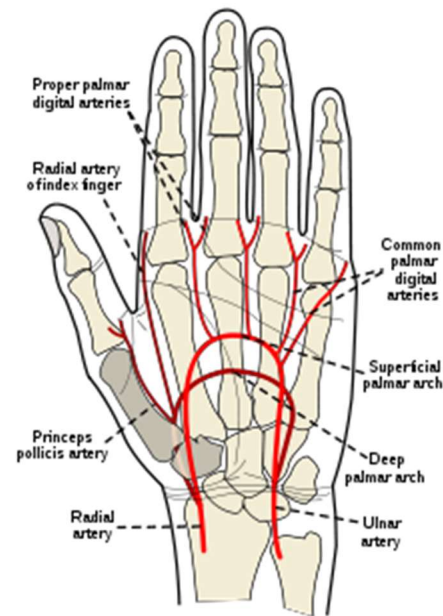
Usually placed in radial or femoral arteries

Allows continuous BP monitoring and rapid recognition of problems requiring intervention from the flight crewmember

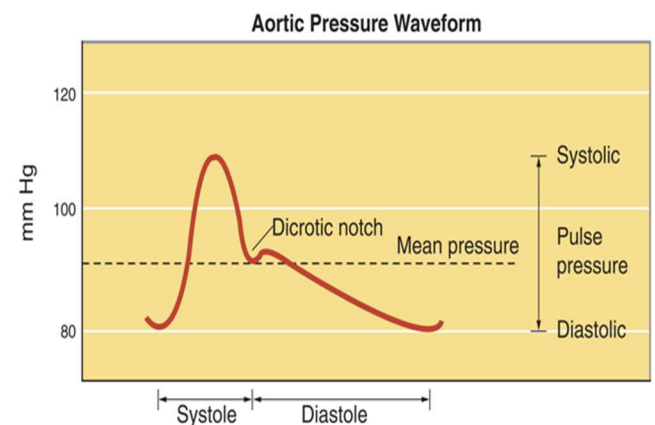
Easy access to blood gases and labs through A-line without sticking the patient

Slurring of the dicrotic notch occurs with aortic valve disease.

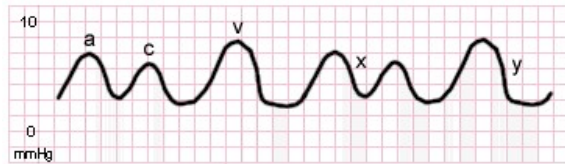
Utilize **Allen Test** prior to establishing A-line



Arterial Line Waveform



CVP/RAP



Measured in the great veins/right atrium, it is a reflection of right atrial pressure.

Normal is 2-6 mmHg.

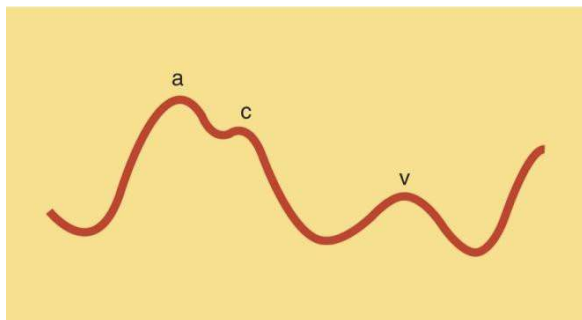
Decreased

- Hypovolemia, vasodilatation, decreased venous returns, & negative pressure ventilation

Increased

- Hypervolemia, right-sided heart failure, cardiac tamponade, positive pressure ventilation, COPD, pulmonary HTN, pulmonary embolus, pulmonic stenosis and tricuspid stenosis/regurgitation.

CVP or RAP waveform

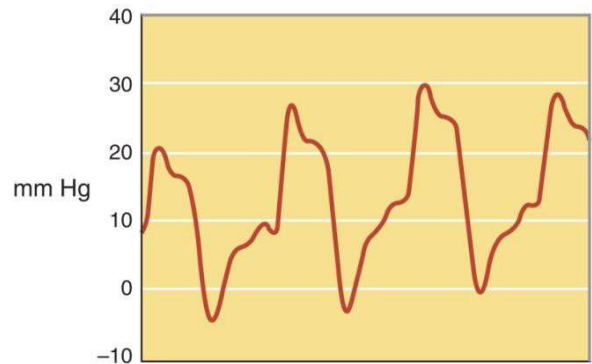


“a wave”—atrial contraction.

“c wave”—closure of the tricuspid valve

“v wave”—passive atrial filling. Tricuspid valve bulges back into atrium during right ventricular systole.

RV Waveform



RVP — not typically monitored, but seen with insertion of the PA catheter

Increased pressures seen in:

Pulmonary HTN—caused by left heart failure, mitral regurgitation, stenosis, and cardiomyopathy
Pulmonary disease—COPD and pulmonary embolus

Normal

-Systolic pressures are 15-25 mmHg

- Diastolic pressures are 0-5 mmHg

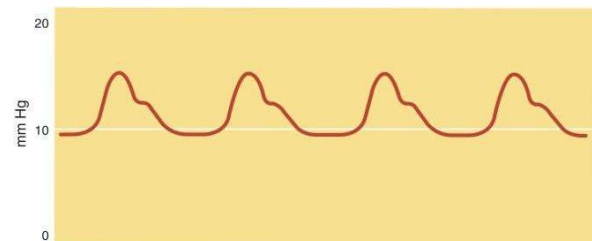
-No dicrotic notch seen on the waveform

-RV waveform has taller, sharper upstrokes

-The diastolic dip on the downstroke reflects ventricular relaxation.

-At end-diastole, atrial kick produces a small rise in pressure.

PA Waveform



PA pressures reflect right and left sided heart pressures.

Increased PA pressures seen in:

- Fluid overload, atrial or ventricular defects, pulmonary problems, LV failure, & mitral stenosis/regurgitation

Normal

-Pulmonary systolic pressure is 15-25 mmHg.

-Pulmonary diastolic pressure is 8-15 mmHg.

Reflects LVEDP and LV function

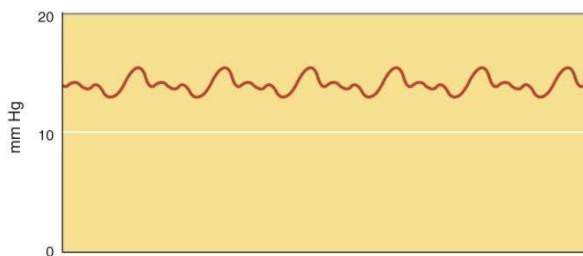
Usually 2-4 mmHg higher than mean PCWP

-May be used to estimate PCWP if unable to obtain an accurate wedge pressure.

-Sharp rise in waveform is systole

-Dicrotic notch is closure of the pulmonic valve and signals the end of systole.

PCWP Waveform



-Obtained by inflating the balloon until waveform changes.

-Occludes blood flow, eliminating the right side of the heart

-Looks at the left side of the heart

Elevated

- Left Ventricular failure, constrictive pericarditis, mitral stenosis, regurgitation, and fluid overload.

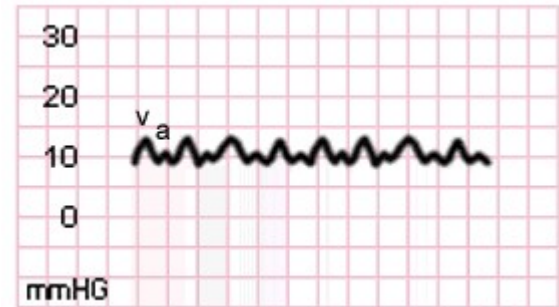
Decreased

- Hypovolemia and venodilating drugs

Normal

-PCWP is 8-12 mmHg.

PCWP Waveform



“a wave”—left atrial contraction/systole

“c wave”—closure of the mitral valve

“v wave”—passive atrial filling. Bulging of the mitral valve during left ventricular systole

“x descent”—left atrial diastole

“y descent”—left atrial emptying. Reflects volume and pressure decline following the opening of the mitral valve and blood emptying into the left ventricle

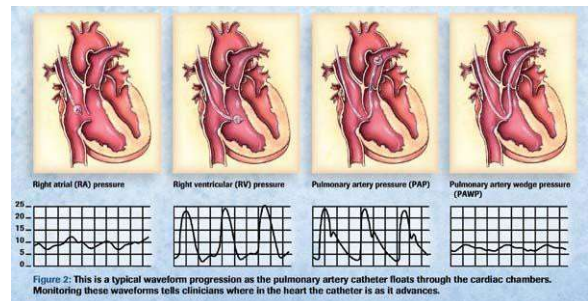
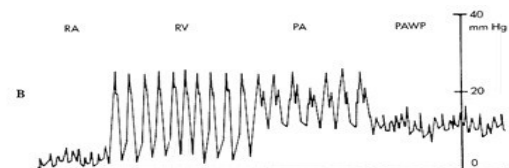


Figure 2: This is a typical waveform progression as the pulmonary artery catheter floats through the cardiac chambers. Monitoring these waveforms tells clinicians where in the heart the catheter is as it advances.



PA insertion sequence

Assessment Parameter	Normal Range/Value
CVP, mm Hg	2 to 6
SBP, mm Hg	100 to 120
DBP, mm Hg	60 to 80
MAP, mm Hg	70 to 105
Pulse pressure, mm Hg	40 to 60
Heart rate, mm Hg	60 to 100
Pulmonary artery pressure, systemic	15 to 30
Pulmonary artery pressure, diastolic	8 to 15
PCWP	4 to 12
CO, L/min	4 to 8
Pulmonary vascular resistance, dyne-sec/cm ⁵	100 to 250
SVR, dyne-sec/cm ⁵	800 to 1,200
SV, mL/beat	60 to 100
Svo ₂ , %	60 to 80
Scvo ₂ , %	≥ 70
Cardiac index, L/min/m ²	2.5 to 4.2
Stroke volume index, mL/beat/m ²	30 to 50

Abbreviations: CO, cardiac output; CVP, central venous pressure; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; MAP, mean arterial pressure; PCWP, pulmonary capillary wedge pressure; SBP, systolic blood pressure; Scvo₂, mixed central venous oxygen saturation; SV, stroke volume; Svo₂, mixed venous oxygen saturation; SVR, systemic vascular resistance.

Cardiac Output

$$CO = HR \times SV$$

Normal values 4-8 liters per minute.

Cardiac index is based on body surface area and is a more accurate, individual measurement.

Normal cardiac index is 2.5-4.2 liters per minute per meters squared.

-Heart rate is the quick, easy way to increase cardiac output. Initial compensatory reaction to decreased cardiac output

-Detrimental effects of increased heart rate include increase myocardial oxygen demand & decreased diastolic filling.

Stroke volume

-the amount of blood ejected from the ventricles during systole

-Normal stroke volume is 60-135 cc.

-Normal stroke index is 25-45 ml per meters squared. Components of SV are preload, afterload, and contractility

Preload

-is defined as the amount of stretch on the ventricles at end-diastole. The amount of blood returned to the heart. **Frank Starlings Law**

RA pressure — measures preload for the right side of the heart.

PCWP — measures preload for the left side of the heart.

Decreased preload

-Hypovolemia or vasodilation

Increased preload

-Hypervolemia, CHF, or renal failure

Medications that decrease preload:

- NTG
- MSO4
- Lasix/diuretics

Medications that increase preload:

- Vasoconstrictors
- Fluid

Afterload — the resistance the heart must pump against to eject blood from the ventricles

PVR — Pulmonary Vascular Resistance

-measures afterload for the right heart

-**Normal PVR** - 50-250 dynes

- PVRI 225-315 dynes.

Increased

-pulmonary disease and hypoxia

SVR — Systemic Vascular Resistance

-measures afterload for the left heart

-**Normal SVR** - 800-1200 dynes

-SVRI 1100-3000 dynes.

Decreased

-distributive shock states and vasodilators

Increased

- HTN, IHSS, aortic stenosis and vasoconstrictors

Medications that decrease SVR:

-Nipride

-Corlopam

Calcium channel blockers

-Dobutrex

-Natreocor

Medications that increase SVR:

-Dopamine

-Neosynephrine

-Levophed

-Epi

Contractility is the ability of the myocardium to effectively contract.

Decreased

-electrolyte imbalances, hypoxia, acidosis, ischemia and necrosis

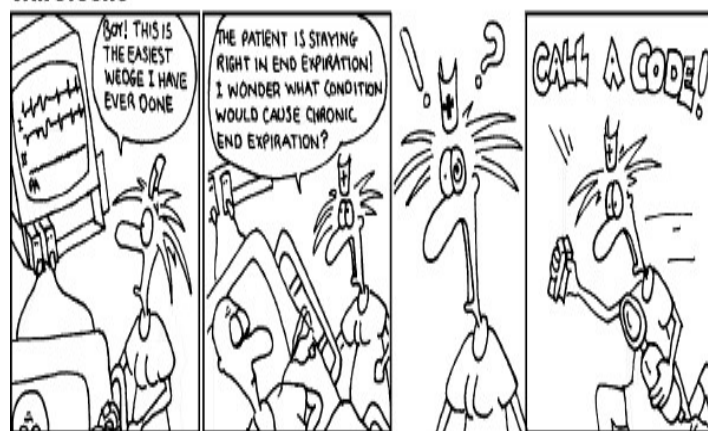
Increased

-high levels of Calcium, sympathetic nervous system stimulation and medications such as Digoxin or Dobutamine

Invasive Line Transport Considerations

1. Make sure all air is removed from the system to prevent air embolus and dampened waveforms.
2. Tape the transducer at the phlebostatic axis or on the bicep during transport.
3. Limit the amount of tubing to decrease the chances of dislodgment and artifact due to aircraft vibration.
4. Boyle's law will cause changes in pressure bag necessitating close attention of the flight crew members
5. Needs to be re-zeroed with changes in altitude to ensure accuracy of readings.

Nurstoons



Cardiac Pharmacology

Beta Blockers

- Blocks body's response to adrenergic stimuli
- Decreases oxygen consumption of the heart.

Indications

- maintaining HR 60-80 in MI

Contraindications

- heart failure, 1st degree block with PR>.20, 2nd and 3rd degree HB

Dobutamine

- Primarily B1 effects, but produces B2 effects that cause mild vasodilation. More effective than Dopamine for increasing contractility

Dopamine

- has both alpha and beta effects
- low** doses (2-5 mcg/kg/min), increases renal perfusion and urinary Output
- **Moderate** doses (5-10 mcg/kg/min), increases cardiac contractility, HR, and CO
- high** doses, (10-20 mcg/kg/min), primarily alpha effects & increases SVR

Levophed

- has alpha and beta 1 effects
- Increases coronary artery blood flow

Indicated - profound hypotension.

Contraindicated - patients with occlusive vascular problems and patients with a hypersensitivity to sulfites

Initial dose is 2-12 mcg/min, titrate to desired effect.

Neo-Syneprine

- Potent Alpha stimulator used to increase SVR in profound vasodilatory redistributive shock states such as sepsis

May be given by bolus or steady infusion

Bolus 0.1-0.5mg slow IV q 10-15m PRN

Gtt 100-180mcg/min titrated to BP

- Maintenance gtt of 40-60mcg/min

Use caution - in patients with cardiac disease

Nipride

- used to reduce preload and afterload by dilation of arterioles and veins

Indicated -HTN crisis, refractory congestive heart failure, increased vascular resistance

Contraindicated - decreased cerebral perfusion and hypersensitivity

Use with caution - in renal disease, hepatic disease (increased risk of thiocyanate accumulation), and geriatric patients (increased hypersensitivity.)

Critical Care Review

-Severe peripheral vascular disease

Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump

Goals of IABP therapy are:

- Decrease the work of the heart
- Decrease myocardial oxygen demand
- Increase coronary perfusion
- Improve cardiac output
- Limits myocardial ischemia
- Prevent cardiogenic shock, limit size of infarctions

IABP uses:

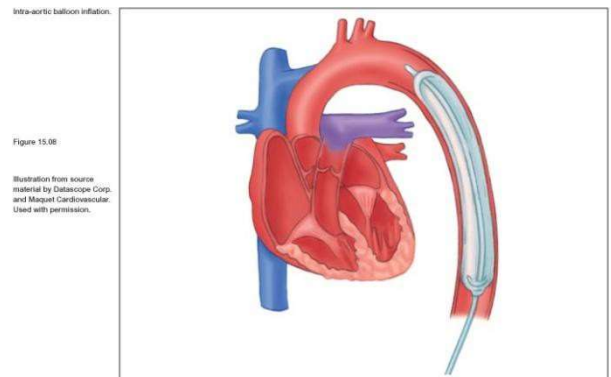
- Support in acute MI with cardiogenic shock
- Circulatory support in post-CABG patients
- Support in high-risk catheterizations
- In severe ischemia as a bridge to revascularization
- Intractable chest pain refractory to conventional care

IABP Therapy

- Balloon inserted percutaneously in the femoral artery.
- Balloon sits in the descending aorta, just distal to the left subclavian artery and above the renal arteries
- Balloon inflates and deflates based on patient's EKG or arterial pressure waveform
- Ventricular systole, the balloon is deflated
- Ventricular diastole, the balloon is inflated

Contraindications:

- Aortic insufficiency
- Severe aortic disease



Complications:

- Ischemia of limb distal to insertion site
- Aortic dissection
- Thrombocytopenia
- Septicemia
- Infection
- Renal complications
- Air/gas emboli

Timing errors:

Late deflation — the balloon is inflated during the beginning of ventricular systole. This increases the work load of the left ventricle. Very harmful for the patient

Early inflation — the balloon is inflated before aortic valve closure. Causes reflux of blood into the left ventricle. Decreases cardiac output and increases SVR, Harmful

Late inflation — results in suboptimal augmentation because there is minimal displacement of blood back toward the coronary arteries

Early deflation — vacuum effect and afterload reduction is lost. This occurs because by the time

the aortic valve opens, the pressures in the aorta has equalized

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Transport Considerations

-Due to aircraft vibration, the trigger mode may need to be the arterial pressure line. The ECG may have too much artifact to effectively trigger the balloon inflation/deflation

-Balloon will purge on ascent due to Boyle's Law and gas expansion with increasing altitude

-Balloon will purge again on descent due to gas contraction with decreasing altitude.

Watch for patient decompensation during balloon purges. Be prepared to treat patient.

-Make sure that all air is out of the art line to minimize dampening of the waveform since this may be a trigger source in the event of EKG trigger failure.

-In the event of cardiopulmonary arrest in the patient, place the trigger mode on arterial pressure or on internal trigger mode.

-In the event of power failure, the balloon needs to be manually pumped every 30 minutes to prevent thrombus formation on the balloon.

TAKE THE SYRINGE!

-Take extra helium tanks. With altitude changes and balloon purging, you may need those extra tanks.

-Before leaving a facility assure balloon placement by verifying the distal tip of the balloon is 2 cm below the aortic arch, and the proximal end of the balloon does not occlude the renal arteries. Get a **RECENT** chest film.

-Watch Urinary output and distal pulses closely in transport – renal arteries are occluded

- Loss of left radial pulse indicates the balloon has migrated upward covering the subclavian artery

Critical Care Review

Environmental

The Body's Response to Cold

Peripheral vasoconstriction

Skeletal muscle vasodilation

Increased cardiac output

Shivering

Limited by available glycogen stores

Loss of shivering at 32°C

Physiologic Response to Hypothermia

Initially metabolism increases to produce heat

Metabolism decreases by half for every drop in core temp of 10°C

Patients BGL will be normal or low with mild chronic hypothermia

BGL is increased with severe hypothermia as insulin stops working

Respiratory minute volume decreases

Respiratory rate is inadequate to blow off CO₂ thus a respiratory acidosis follows

Decreased CO

Increased SVR

Capillary leak decreases intravascular volume

Metabolic acidosis related to anaerobic metabolism

Hypothermia Stages

Mild 32-36°C

Increased BMR, CO, HR begins to fall at 32°C

Moderate 29-32°C

Shivering stops, LOC and SVR fall, acidosis, hyperglycemia, CO falls

Severe < 28°C

Hypotension Prolonged PR, QRS, QT intervals, coma, hypoventilation, apnea

VF risk highest at 22°C

Osborne waves clear at 25°C

Hypothermia Treatment

Remove cold and wet environment

Manage airway consider intubation risk for V-fib

Handle gently

Only start CPR if monitor shows VF or Asystole

Defer meds till core temp > 30°C

Passive External Rewarming

Patient allowed to rewarm self with blankets and transport vehicle heater

Active External Rewarming

Heat placed on external body surfaces

Watch for after drop

Active Internal Rewarming

Heat directly to core

IVF, Hemodialysis, gastric lavage, ECMO

Heat Pathophysiology

Cellular breakdown

Vasodilation necessitates CO thus increasing O₂ demand

Increased sweat evaporation can lead to loss of 1-3L/Hr.

High output failure can lead to MI

Respiratory alkalosis

Neurologic problems related to cerebral edema, Seizures increase metabolism raising temp

Kidneys retain sodium and release K⁺, hypoperfusion leads to ATN

Liver is hypoperfused leading to hypoglycemia

Muscle death causes an increase in CK and rhabdomyolysis

ARDS and DIC result from lysosomal enzymes

Methods of Heat Transmission

Conduction-Surface to surface transmission

Convection-Loss of heat by air or water movement across the body surface

Radiation-Loss to atmosphere

Evaporation-Loss of heat by dissipation of sweat

Hyperthermic response

Heat increases

Related to increased metabolic processes

Related to environmental increase

Body compensation

Sweating

Increased respiration

Vasodilation

Heat Related Problems

Heat Cramps

Occur in heavily exercised muscles in high heat
Caused by hyponatremia associated with only water replacement

Cool and rehydrate with salt containing solutions

Heat Exhaustion

Defined as an increase in core temp without neurological impairment

Temp is lower and symptoms less severe than

Heat stroke

Patient retains ability to sweat

Treatment is aimed at cooling as well as fluid and electrolyte replacement

Heatstroke

A life threatening emergency characterized by failure of the body to dissipate heat effectively

LOC is altered

Core temp. 42° C

Oxygen demand exceeds supply

Respiratory alkalosis. Metabolic acidosis

High output cardiac failure

Heatstroke Treatment

COOL, COOL, COOL

Soak patient and provide fanning

Aggressive airway management

Don't under ventilate

Expose

IV fluids consider Thorazine 25-50mg

Prevent shivering

Place NG consider H2 blockers

Consider phenothiazines (poikilothermic properties)

Place a Foley, Monitor labs- ABGs for acidosis

Watch clotting factors for early onset of DIC

Monitor liver enzymes

Watch urinary output for rhabdomyolysis

Watch sodium for hyponatremia

Rhabdomyolysis

Treat by alkalinizing the urine with NaHCO₃

Hyponatremia

Replace by correcting sodium slowly

Potassium

Hypokalemia usually the result of respiratory alkalosis

Hyperkalemia usually the result of metabolic acidosis

Malignant Hyperthermia caused by Anesthetics and skeletal muscle relaxants such as Succinylcholine (Anectine)

Calcium is released into muscle fibers causing sustained contraction

A hyper metabolic state occurs increasing temp

May prevent mouth opening

Relieved by reversal of anesthetic and administration of 1-3mg/kg of Dantrolene Sodium (Dantrium)

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Critical Care Review

OB/GYN EMERGENCIES

GENERAL TRANSPORT CONSIDERATIONS

1. Place patient in a left lateral recumbent position
2. Note the patient's temperature
3. Note fetal heart tones, fetal movement, contractions
4. Start a large bore IV of LR
5. O2 to maintain sat of 98-100%
6. Note and quantify any bleeding or leaking of fluid

MATERNAL PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGES

1. HR increases 15-20 bpm
2. BP decreases in 2nd trimester 5-15mm/Hg
3. BP increases in 3rd trimester 10mm/Hg
4. Cardiac output increases
5. Circulating plasma volume increases 40% thus increasing clotting factors
6. RBCs increase but not to the same percentage as plasma resulting in a dilutional Anemia
7. Heart elevates and rotates
8. WBCs elevate
9. Progesterone relaxes sphincters
10. Decreased functional/residual lung volume

	Nonpregnant Patient	Pregnant Patient
Cardiac output	5,000 mL	6,000 mL (20%-40% increase)
Stroke volume	80 mL	110 mL (approximately 30% increase)
Pulse rate	80 beats/min	10%-20% increase
Red blood cell mass	5 million cu mm	33% increase
Systemic vascular resistance	1,500 dyne-sec/cm ⁻⁵	20% decrease
Mean arterial pressure	85 mm Hg	No change
Systolic blood pressure	120 mm Hg	120 mm Hg
Diastolic blood pressure	70 mm Hg	80 mm Hg

Adapted from: Sodré PM. Maternal physiology changes during pregnancy. Obstet Gynecol. Available at: <http://www.medstudents.com.br/ginob/ginob5.htm>. Accessed February 12, 2009.

OBSTETRICAL TERMINOLOGY – “Secret Handshake”

Dilation- Refers to the extent of cervical dilation as judged by palpation. Full dilatation occurs at 10 cm

Effacement- Relates to the thickness of the cervix and is expressed as a %. The cervix is normally about 2 cm thick and thins during labor. Thus when thinned to 1 cm the patient would be said to be 50% effaced

Station- Refers to the fetal head in relation to the mothers pubic bone and is expressed as a – or + number as measured in cm

FETAL MONITORING

TABLE 21-3 Heart Rate Parameters	
Rate	Beats/min
Normal	120-160
Abnormal	< 100
• Tachycardia	> 160
• Bradycardia	< 120

Baseline FHT's are 120-160

Variability- Single most important predictor of fetal well-being

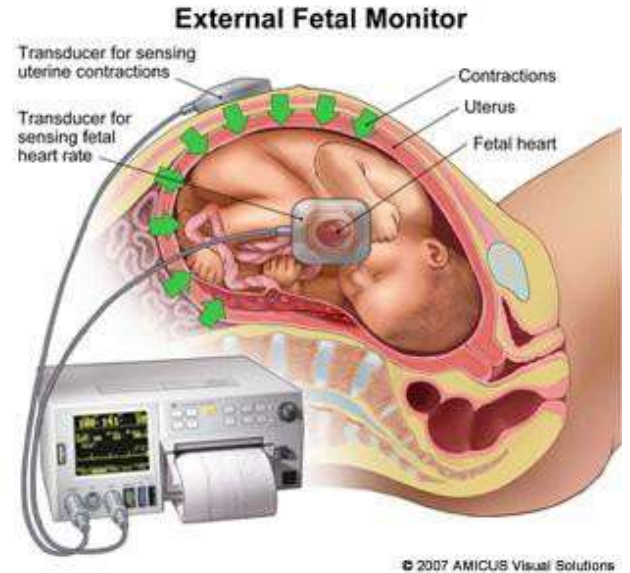
Poor variability caused by

1. Fetal hypoxia
2. Administration of meds to mom
3. Smoking
4. Extreme prematurity
5. Fetal sleep

What are Accels?

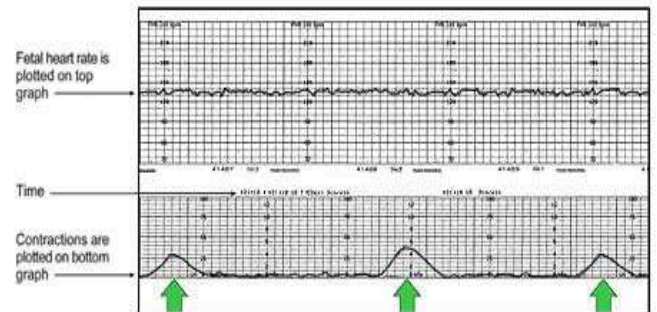
What are Decels?

How do they correspond to labor?



FETAL MONITORING

Fetal Heart Monitor Tracing



-Top waveform signifies fetal HR

-Bottom waveform signifies maternal contractions

Variability is judged by erratic waves of the fetal heart tracing and is separated into short and long term variability (suggests neurologically intact)

Accelerations (Usually GOOD)

-Usually associated with fetal movement

-Hypoxic fetus w/ metabolic acidosis cannot accelerate its HR

Variable Decelerations (Not good)

-Common during contractions, typically V or W shaped Caused by cord compression

“Shouldering” is common

-Look for ‘cord’ problems (prolapsed, short, entanglement, nuchal)

Late Decelerations (BAD)

-Always mean uteroplacental insufficiency causing the fetus to experience a hypoxic Bradycardia

- Associated with PIH, DM, Smoking and late deliveries

Sinusoidal (VERY BAD)

-Typical of fetal Hypovolemia or anemia

-Commonly associated with accidental tap of the umbilical cord during amniocentesis, fetomaternal transfusion, placental abruption

Bradycardia

FHR<120 for 5-10 minutes

Tachycardia

FHR>160 for >10 minutes

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO FETAL DISTRESS

1. Assure fetal oxygenation give mom High flow O2 by NRB
2. Maternal Hypotension- Initiate 250-500cc IVF bolus, correct supine hypotension. “Tank her up!”
3. Hypertonic or tetanic contractions- Discontinue oxytocin infusion.
4. Rule out cord prolapse

5. Assess for placental abruption

6. Change positions

TABLE 21-2 Conditions Associated With Fetal Distress During Labor	
Source	Condition
Umbilical cord	Hematoma Knot in cord Nuchal cord Prolapsed cord Cord compression
Placenta	Infarction Abruption
Uterus	Tetanic contractions Hyperstimulation
Fetus	Anemia Infection
Maternal	Hypertension Hypotension Severe anemia Seizures

MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS

SIGNS/SYMPTOMS OF IMMINENT DELIVERY

- Vaginal bleeding
- Contractions greater than q 10 min
- Increasing intensity of contractions
- Urge to push
- Crowning

PRE-TERM LABOR

1. Look for signs of imminent delivery
2. Determine the status of the amniotic membranes
3. Determine cervical status
4. Maintain the patient in left lateral recumbent
5. Assess for infection
6. Prophylactic antibiotics for group B strep
7. Administer tocolytics:

-**MgSO4**- watch for toxicity, DTRS, Respirations

-Indomethacin

-Terbutaline

-Monitor fetal heart tones, movement

MATERNAL MEDICATIONS

MEDICATION DOSAGE INDICATION

Terbutaline

0.25mg sq q 15 min Pre-term labor

Magnesium Sulfate

4-6g bolus/15-30min 2g/hr maintenance

Preeclampsia, Pre-term labor

Oxytocin

20-40 units/1000cc at 125cc/hr Post-partum hemorrhage

Hydralazine

2mg iv q 5min to DBP 90-100mmHg

Or 5-10mg q 20min PIH, Preeclampsia

ECTOPIC PREGNANCY

1. Every woman of child bearing age with acute abdominal complaints is an ectopic pregnancy until proven otherwise
2. Treatment is usually surgical
3. Maintain ABC's
4. Treat for hypovolemic shock
5. Cross matched blood
6. Give Rhogam if mom is Rh-

MATERNAL HYPERTENSIVE SYNDROMES

Pregnancy Induced HTN (PIH) relates to any new onset HTN with pregnancy

Who's at risk?

Preeclampsia is characterized by HTN, proteinuria, and edema

HELLP Syndrome refers to patients with a myriad of symptoms including Hemolysis, Elevated Liver enzymes, and a Low Platelet count

PIH, PREECLAMPSIA & HELLP

1. Watch for late decels and decreased variability.
2. Monitor fetal movement.
3. MgSO4 4-6g bolus followed by 1-2g/hr
4. Steroids (Celestone) as soon as possible
5. Consider Labetalol 20mg SIVP
6. Consider Hydralazine 2mg SIVP
7. Give Valium prn for seizure activity with MgSo4

Critical Care Review

TRAUMA IN PREGNANCY

The best way to maximize fetal viability in trauma is to aggressively treat mom like you treat other trauma patients

High Index of Suspicion

-MOI

-Seat Belt

After benign collision Transport in full spinal precautions with board tilted to left

Because of the increase in circulating volume, 30-35% of the blood volume may be lost before signs and symptoms of Hypovolemia surface

Vigorous fluid replacement, High flow O2

PLACENTA PREVIA

Characterized by Placental attachment over the cervical opening

Common w/ uterine scarring, multiparity w/ short intervals, post D&C, etc

Often presents as painless bright red vaginal bleeding

1. *High flow O2, vitals, fluids*
2. *Assess for contractions, fetal movement/heart tones, hemorrhage.*
3. *Consider tocolytics and blood products.*
4. Watch for signs of DIC

PLACENTAL ABRUPTION

Abruption is characterized by disruption of the uterine wall-placental interface with tearing of vasculature

Often presents as ripping or tearing pain with dark or no evident blood loss

There is a twofold threat for Exsanguination

Placental insufficiency

Blood is irritating to the uterus, thus it will initiate contractions

1. High flow O2, vitals, fluids
2. Assess for contractions, fetal movement/heart tones, hemorrhage.
3. Continually reassess fundal height
4. Consider tocolytics and blood products.
5. Watch for signs of DIC

UTERINE RUPTURE

Rapid Recognition is Key!

1. May be misdiagnosed as Placenta Abruptio
2. Serial fundal height measurements
3. Look for signs of previous Cesarean
4. Rapid transfer with supportive care
5. Oxytocin, 20-40 units in 1000cc may reduce bleeding

DELIVERY COMPLICATIONS

NUCHAL CORD

-Variable Decelerations

-Gently loosen and draw down over head

-Clamp & cut before shoulders are delivered if it is too tight to remove



UMBILICAL CORD PROLAPSE

- Elevate presenting part off the cord with a hand in the vagina to prevent cord compression.
- Trendelenburg or knee to chest position
- Tocolytics to reduce pressure on the cord during contractions.



BREECH PRESENTATION

- Fetus should not be touched until the umbilicus has spontaneously delivered.
- Palpate cord for FHR.
- After shoulders have delivered, rotate baby's trunk so that the back is anterior and apply gentle downward traction.
- Apply suprapubic pressure to facilitate delivery of the head (**Mauriceau's maneuver**).
- Do not attempt to deliver a footling breach

MECONIUM DELIVERY

POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE

1. Vigorous fundal massage
2. Rapid infusion of 20-40 units oxytocin Methergine (methylergonovine)
3. Assess blood loss
4. Replace fluids, blood
5. Bimanual uterine compression

UTERINE INVERSION

1. Manual replacement if the uterus has not yet contracted down and cervix has not constricted
2. Tocolytics if the uterus has contracted to relax the uterus and allow replacement
3. Oxytocin
4. **DO NOT REMOVE THE PLACENTA!**

Anaphylactoid Syndrome of Pregnancy

The old theory - Amniotic fluid created a pulmonary embolus

The current research - Antibody response to a fetal antigen (anaphylaxis)

Treatment

1. High flow O₂, Intubate as needed
2. PEEP may be required
3. Fluid resuscitation
4. Hemodynamic monitoring
5. Blood product replacement as needed FFP, Platelets, Cryo
6. Anticipate severe fetal distress if syndrome presents prepartum
7. Prepare for emergent postmortum c-section

DIC- Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy

-Overstimulation of clotting cascade

2 ways to make a clot

Intrinsic – endothelium injury
Causes: ARDS; Septic Shock; Hypotension
Clotting Factors: 12, 11, 9, and 8

Extrinsic – Tissue Injury
Clotting Factors: 7
Release of Tissue Thromboplastin, begins clotting cascade

Why are Mothers so susceptible?

- Highest levels of Tissue Thromboplastin are located in the Brain and Placenta

Labs-

Decreased Fibrinogen level

Increased PT/PTT interval
Increased Fibrin Split Products (FSP)
Increased D-dimer

Treatment

1. Airway Management
2. Heparin administration
 - inhibits conversion of prothrombin to thrombin
 - inactivates circulating thrombin
 - inhibits conversion of fibrinogen to fibrin
3. Stop ongoing major hemorrhage
 - Get rid of triggering event
4. Volume Replacement
5. Minimize needle sticks
6. Blood Products (FFP, Platelets)
 - Begin administration after heparin and you have reached a PTT between 2 – 2.5

Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT)

- Some people do not have Anti-thrombin 3
Heparin will not work with these people will actually do opposite and will lengthen PT/PTT

- These patients need anticoagulant,
Argatroban

Trauma & Injury –

Mechanism of Injury

Newton's First Law—an object in motion will remain in motion and an object at rest will remain at rest, unless acted upon by a force.

Newton's Second Law of Motion —Force=mass x acceleration $F=ma$

Newton's Third Law of Motion—for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

Head-On Collisions

Predictable patterns

- Up and over
- Down and under

What gets hurt with each?

Predictable Injuries

- Ruptured spleens
- Lacerated livers
- Ruptured thoracic aortas

Rear-End Collisions

Predictable Injuries

- C2 fx of neck
- T12-L1 back injuries
- Femur fx
- Tib/fib fx
- Ankle fx

Evaluate for 2nd impact of vehicle and the predictable injury patterns associated.

T-Bone or Lateral Impacts

Predictable injury patterns

What gets hurt?

Don't forget secondary injuries

Patient propelled to opposite side of car
Injuries of the opposite side of body as well

Motorcycle Crashes

Head-on injury patterns

Up and over

What gets hurt?

Side impact or 'lay it down' injury patterns

- Open fx of the femur
- Pelvic fx's
- Trapped arm breaks ribs

Rollover collision

- axial loading injuries, multiple injury patterns
- this form of accident causes the most lethal injuries

Trauma Management

Airway

- secure c-spine
- Conscious ability to swallow
- Oxygenation or ventilation failure
- Expected clinical course

Breathing

- Adequate oxygenation SpO2 > 90%
- Adequate ventilation CO2 or ETCO2

Adequate mechanics

- Pneumothorax
- Flail chest and pulmonary contusion
- Hemothorax

Circulation

- Assess cardiac output
- HR more important than BP
- BP won't fall until blood loss > 30-40%
- Think tamponade
- Look for bleeding

The five places to look for blood loss

1. The chest
2. The abdomen
3. The muscles around long bones
4. The retroperitoneum
5. The floor

Secure IV access

Disability

- Quick neuro exam
- Perform GCS
- PMS x 4
- Pupils

Support cerebral perfusion

No hypoxia allowed!

No hypotension allowed!

Manage increasing ICP

- Watch for localized signs of herniation
- Mildly Hyperventilate @ rate or 20-24bpm
- Diuretics
- Barbiturates/paralytics

Expose and evaluate

Look for occult injury

Fahrenheit

- Get temp and keep them warm
- Cold Blood will not Clot

Get a thorough set of vitals

- Trends are more important than isolated numbers

Head to toe

- Continuously reassess

Farming Accidents

1. Delayed arrival of medical care and extrication often increase mortality
2. Tractors are much heavier than autos
3. Tractors have a high center of gravity making them prone to rollovers
4. End over end rollovers have a greater potential for patient entrapment
5. High potential for HAZMAT involvement

Specific Small Vehicle Crashes

Rapid Vertical Deceleration

Primarily in adults and children under 5

Children —impact on their head

Adults—“Don Juan injury”

Projectile Penetration

- Impalements/stab wounds
- Firearms
- High Velocity bullets travel at >2000fps

Blast Injuries

Primary—initial air blast

Injuries to air containing organs

Secondary—victim being struck by projectiles from blast force

Tertiary—victim impacting the ground or another object

Burn Management

- Airway early
- Mechanism of the burn
- Carbon Monoxide poisoning
- Cyanide toxicity

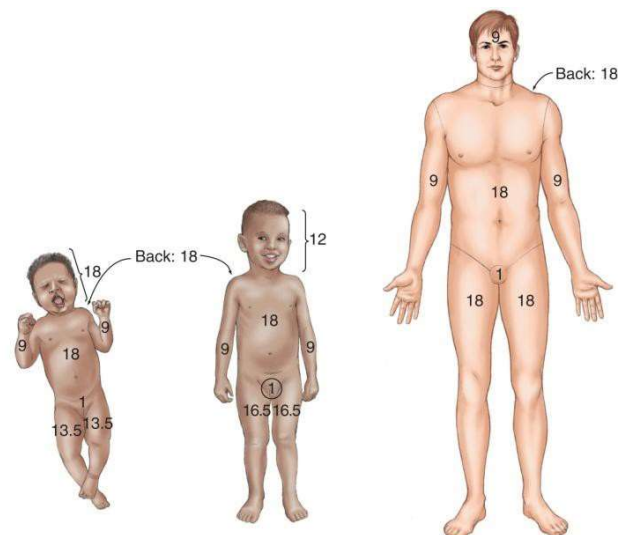
Calculate Burn Area then cover with dry dressings

- Urinary output of 30-50ml/hr
- 1-2ml/kg/hr in children

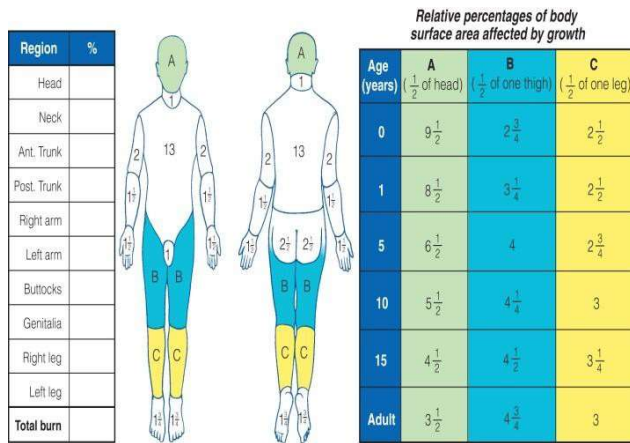
Parkland formula — 4ml/kg/%BSA burned

- Give ½ over first 8 hours post burn
- Don't calculate 1st degree burns

Review your Rule-of-9's



Lund and Browder Chart



Classifications of Burns

Depth	Color and Vascularity	Surface Appearance and Pain	Swelling, Healing, and Scarring
Superficial (first degree)	Erythematous, pink and red	No blisters Dry and tender	Slight edema Heals easily without scarring
Superficial to partial thickness (second degree)	Erythematous, bright pink/red, mottled Blanches with brisk capillary refill	Intact blisters, moist when removed Weeping wounds and extremely painful	Moderate edema Easily heals but with skin discoloration
Deep to partial thickness (second degree)	Red, waxy-white Blanches with slow capillary refill	Broken blisters, wet Sensitive to pressure, but not to light touch	Marked edema Heals slowly with hypertrophic scars
Full thickness (third degree)	White, black to red/tan No blanching, vessels thrombosed Poor distal circulation	Dry, leathery Anesthetic Hairs pull out easily	Skin grafting required Scarring likely after healing
Subdermal (fourth degree)	Charred	Obvious subcutaneous tissue involvement Anesthetic	Skin grafting and/or flap required Scarring after healing

Chemical Burns

-Most chemical burns should not be neutralized

Hydrofluoric Acid

Copious water

Alkali Metal burns (NA and K)

-React w/ water

-Absorb heat with oil

Acids

Most acids can't penetrate deep into tissue because they cause coagulative necrosis

Acids denature cellular proteins and cause cellular coagulation

Alkalis

Dissolve protein and collagen causing dehydration and saponification

Alkalis tend to cause more severe burns

HAZMAT



Two modes of EMS operations at Hazardous Material scenes

1. "Fast break"
2. "Long-term decision making"



"Two-Step" Decon Process

-Usually at a "fast break" scenario

1. Remove all clothing, shoes and jewelry
2. Wash and rinse patient with soap and water making sure they do not stand in runoff
3. Reposition out of runoff and repeat a second time

Electrical Injuries

-Myoglobinuria is often a problem due to massive muscle damage

-If untreated, will result in Acute Tubular Necrosis and renal failure

-Maintain urine output of at least 100 ml/hr with fluids

Osmotic diuretics / Loop diuretics

- Furosemide

-Mannitol

Urine alkalinization increases the rate of myoglobin clearance and can be achieved using sodium bicarbonate titrated to a serum pH of 7.5.



START Triage

When your mind starts racing...remember your

RPM's.

START Triage Assessment Parameters

-A form of primary triage focused on three assessment parameters and three levels of triage

Assessment

-Respirations

-Perfusion

-Mentation (LOC)

A couple of other quick rules

1. 15-30 second assessment per patient
2. If patient is apneic, reposition head once
3. Check capillary refill centrally

All penetrating trunk trauma is Immediate

All rescuers injured on scene are Immediate

Walking Wounded = **Green Tag = Priority 3**

Minor wounds = **Yellow Tag = Priority 2**

Severe injury = **Red Tag = Priority 1**

Dead = **Black Tag = Priority 0**

Critical Care Review

Hematology

Blood Composition

Water exists in the body in 3 areas

- Intracellular – 75%
- Interstitial – 17%
- Intravascular – 8%

Fluid Replacement

3 liters of crystalloid to one liter of blood loss

Initial resuscitation should include an isotonic crystalloid

After crystalloids other options include hypertonic saline, albumin, or dextran.

Maintain MAP 80-90 mmHg with fluid

The kidneys are the poor man's swan ganz- use them to guide fluid replacement

The clotting cascade in response to insult the body

- Vasospasms
- Activates Platelets
- Initiates the Clotting Cascade
- Forms a clot
- Breaks the clot down

Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathies (DIC)

- Over stimulation of the clotting cascade secondary to massive tissue damage

Treatment options

-Blood component replacement- controversial due to the possibility of perpetuating the abnormal DIC feedback loop

-Heparin- inhibits the conversion of prothrombin to thrombin, slowing the coagulation cascade

-Anti-thrombin III- Prevents the conversion of multiple clotting factors to their active form

Blood Products -

Packed Red Blood Cells-

- Given to increase O2 carrying capacity of blood
- Given over 2-4 hours normally, can be given fast emergently
- ABO antigens are present on RBCs, watch for hemolytic reactions
- Rh factor should be considered
- One unit of PRBCs equals approximately 330cc
- Peds dosing 10cc/kg
- Watch for citrate toxicity with multiple units
- One unit of PRBCs should increase the H/H by 1 and 3

Fresh Frozen Plasma

- Given as a volume expander or for coagulation factors
- Watch for transfusion reactions secondary to viral or antigen responses
- Dosing for coagulation is driven by coags (Pt/Ptt)

Cryoprecipitate

NOTES

- A mixed blood product obtained by separating specific clotting factors (Factor VIII:C, Factor XIII, von Willebrand factor, and fibrinogen) from FFP
- The end result is a concentrated fluid with high levels of fibrinogen and three other primary factors
- Given in DIC, Hemophilia A, Von Willebrand's Disease
- Administered at 10 ml min
- Normal adult dosing is 10 units
- Most often given emergently for massive PRBC infusions or TPA related bleeding

Platelets

- Given for platelet deficiency
- Usually not given till platelet count falls to <20K
- Usually given as a six pack
- Should anticipate one unit will increase the platelet count by 12k
- Can be pushed quickly by syringe

Critical Care Review

Endocrine Emergencies

SIADH – syndrome of inappropriate anti-diuretic hormone

-Dilutional Hyponatremia

Hypothalamus controlled, ADH stored in the posterior pituitary gland

Retention of H₂O- fluid overload, CHF

NORMAL SERUM OSMOLARITY 275 – 295
approximately double the normal Sodium level

Causes:

1. Oat Cell Carcinoma
2. Viral Pneumonia
3. Head problems – trauma, tumors, meningitis, strokes, encephalitis

ADH works in the ***distal convoluted tubules***

Need to watch for Seizure Activity due to cerebral edema

Hyponatremia = Sodium < 135

Serum Osmolarity = < 270

Treatment:

1. Fluid restriction
2. Hypertonic Solution – 3% NaCl 25cc/hr

Hypotonic solutions causes water to enter the cells because of change in Osmotic pressure

Normal Saline = 0.9% NaCl – any fluid below this is considered Hypotonic

D5W = Osmolarity of 252

- Isotonic in container, however, after administration glucose is rapidly metabolized, leaving only water behind, thus becoming a hypotonic solution. This will cause movement of H₂O into cells leading to increased cerebral edema.

Diabetes Insipidus (DI)

Opposite of SIADH- LOW ADH

Loss of up to 6 – 24 liters/day

Labs –

Increased Sodium
Increased Serum Osmolarity > 295
Increased urinary output (Clear)
Specific gravity of 1.001 – 1.005

Causes:

1. Head Problems
2. Dilantin

Resulting in:

1. Hypovolemia
2. Shock

Treatment:

1. Give ADH – IV, IM, SQ, Nasal Spray
2. Monitor Specific Gravity of urine
3. Monitor EKG for Cardiac Ischemia

HHNK

Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar Nonketotic Coma

These people still have insulin!

Who gets HHNK?

1. Old People – tired pancreas
2. Diet controlled Diabetes – usually Type II
3. TPN – total parenteral nutrition
4. Pancreatitis – 95% mortality rate

Other causes:

Overuse of thiazides – they hold on to glucose
Overuse of Steroids – they lead to insulin resistance

- No acidosis as a result of still having insulin

- Blood Sugar ranges of 1000 – 2000

-Higher levels of BS due to no development of Ketones, no acidosis, long for symptoms to present themselves.

- Severe Dehydration – 8 – 10 liters/day

Treatment:

1. Fluids
-NS, ½ NS, and D5 ½ NS
2. Insulin
3. Glucose

Always make sure you check a Sugar!!

DKA

These people have no insulin!

Dehydrated 4 – 6 liters behind

Glucose level = 400 – 900 usually reason why level is not as high as HHNK is due to ketoacidosis a patient becoming unconscious, going into coma after around 5 days

State of Acidosis – the body breaks down fatty acids for energy, by product of breakdown is Ketones, which leads to Acidosis.

Ketones cause Fruity Breath

KUSSMAUL Breathing – Increase Rate, Increase Depth, designed to blow off excess CO₂

On cellular level, body plays “Hide the Hydrogen” H⁺ ions leave serum and hide in the cells; this pushes K⁺ out of the cell, leading to a high Serum K⁺ level

DKA patients – you want to see High K⁺ levels
- Low K⁺ levels your patient is going to die!

Potassium and Hydrogen have a reciprocal relationship

For every change of .1 of H⁺ ions = change of K⁺ ions of .6 in the opposite direction

PH

K+

7.45

4.5

7.35

5.1

7.15

6.3

7.05

6.9

Treatment:

- Fluids
- NS, ½ NS, D5 ½ NS
- Insulin

Correct Sugar and Acidosis should correct itself

Acidosis always increases Serum K⁺ level

DKA – Most common cause of death is Hypokalemia

Insulin - Under certain circumstances, injection of insulin can kill patients because of its ability to acutely suppress plasma potassium concentrations.

NOTES

Pancreatitis

Not an infection of pancreas – it is auto digestion of pancreas

Causes:

1. Obstruction of Pancreatic ducts – Most common!
2. ETOH abuse
3. Biliary stone disease
4. Steroids, antibiotic, thiazide use
5. Infections (viral/bacterial)

Presentation

1. **Hypocalcemia** -Pancreas needs Ca to auto digest itself
2. **HHNK**
- Pancreas is too busy eating itself, it cannot produce insulin
3. Elevation of the left diaphragm w/
Left base atelectasis
4. **Left pleural effusions**
5. **Bilateral Rales**
6. Concomitant **ARDS**
-Phospholipase A travels through blood to lungs and kills the Type 2 alveoli cells that make surfactant
7. **Renal failure**
8. **Cullen's sign** – Black and Blue bleeding around umbilicus

Treatment

1. –Fluid resuscitation
2. –NPO and place OG/NG
3. –Meperidine over MS - due to Sphincter of Odi spasticity
4. –Antibiotics for sepsis - Rocephin, Ampicillin

Liver

Functions:

1. Detoxify blood – 1500 cc/min
2. Make Bile
3. Synthesis amino acids
4. Makes albumin, prothrombin, fibrinogen
5. Converts glucose into glycogen
6. Converts ammonia into urea

*Decrease in albumin production leads to **ASCITES***

*Increase in ammonia levels leads to **Hepatic Encephalopathy***

LIVER Disease

- Never want a decrease in K⁺ level – the kidneys will retain K⁺ and also ammonia ions

- Must utilize K⁺ sparing diuretics

-Portal Hypertension results in esophageal varices and gastrointestinal bleeding

Renal

Anatomy

1. Proximal Tubular
2. Loop of Henley
3. Convoluted Tubule

Proximal Tubular –

Located in the nephron

Reabsorbs everything

Electrolytes

Loop of Henley –

Responsible for the concentration and dilution of urine

Convoluted and collecting tubules –

ADH affects this area and causes retention of H₂O

Acute Renal Failure

Decrease in urinary output < 400 cc/24 hr period

3 Stages

- 1. Pre renal**
 - Decrease in urine output < 400cc/24hr period
 - Causes: decrease blood flow to kidneys
 - CHF; Hypotension
- 2. Renal**
 - Decrease in urinary output < 400cc/24hr period
 - Causes: Kidney damage
 - Parenchyma; Nephrons
- 3. Post Renal**
 - Urethral obstruction
 - Bladder Obstruction

ATN – Acute Tubular Necrosis

For every 100 people that come into ED with ATN, 50 out of them will drop dead. Out of the

remaining 50, 25 of them will have dialysis for the rest of their life, and the remaining 25 will survive

3 stages of ATN

Oliguric Stage- 10 – 17 days

No urine output
Increased BUN
Increased Creatinine
Increased K+
fluid overload

Polyuric Stage – 2 weeks – 3 Months

Begin to make urine
Good Quantity
Bad Quality

Increased BUN
Increased Creatinine

Decreased K+ due to fluid depletion

Recovery Stage – 3 Months – 1 year

Hope that kidneys regenerate themselves during this stage

Pre-renal vs. Renal Stage

Pre-renal

Urinary Na+ < 20
hold on to H₂O
Hold on to Na+

BUN/Creatinine Ratio
20/1

Fluids/Lasix given
Increase in urine

Renal Stage

Urinary Na+ 40 – 100
Hold on to H₂O
Nephron leak Na+

BUN/Creatinine Ratio
10/1

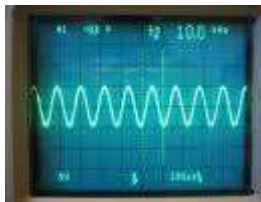
Fluids/ Lasix given
No change in urine output

Electrolytes

Potassium

Hyperkalemia – increase in K+

<u>Signs</u>	<u>K+</u>
Peaked “T” Wave	6.5 – 6.8
Prolonged PR interval	7
Lose of “P” wave	>7
Widening QRS	8
Sin Wave	DEATH



Treatment:

1. **Calcium Gluconate** – works in 1-3 mins
-Only give if you have EKG changes
-Does not lower K+ level

Allows electricity to go through heart muscle normally
2. **Insulin** – IVP 10-15 units with 50cc of D50
- pushes K+ into the cells [temporary]
3. **Glucose** – Do not want patient to become more hypoglycemic
4. **Bicarbonate** – beneficial in cases of metabolic acidosis
- 1 amp given over 5 minutes
- will stimulate an exchange of cellular H⁺ for Na⁺, thus leading to stimulation of the sodium-potassium ATPase
5. **Kaexylate** – Binds with K+ ions and causes excretion decreasing potassium

Calcium

Calcium and phosphate exist in a reciprocal relationship

Patients with Kidney disease always have a decrease in Ca⁺⁺

- Kidneys make Vitamin D
- We utilize Vitamin D to reabsorb Ca⁺⁺ from the Gut
- No Vitamin D = No reabsorbed Ca⁺⁺

Hypocalcaemia = Hyperphosphatemia

Manifestations of Hypocalcaemia and Hyperphosphatemia

- Chvostek’s signs
- Trousseau Signs

Treatment of Hyperphosphatemia

Amphojel - binds with phosphate and decreases levels

“Twitch, Twitch; Seize, Seize; Chvostek’s and Trousseau”

Weight gain of 1 pound within 24 hrs indicate fluid retention of 1000cc

Critical Care Review

Toxicology

Arrhythmias secondary to Cardiotoxins / Electrolyte Disturbances

Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCA's)

Due to the location of norepinephrine receptors all over the body, many physical signs are also associated with a TCA overdose¹:

1. Anticholinergic effects: altered mental status (e.g., agitation, confusion, lethargy, etc.), resting sinus tachycardia, dry mouth, mydriasis (pupil dilation), fever
2. Cardiac effects: hypertension (early and transient, should not be treated), tachycardia, orthostasis and hypotension, arrhythmias (including ventricular tachycardia and ventricular fibrillation, most serious consequence)/ECG changes (prolonged QRS, QT and PR intervals)
3. CNS effects: syncope, seizure, coma, myoclonus, hyperreflexia
4. Pulmonary effects: hypoventilation resulting from CNS depression
5. Gastrointestinal effects: decreased or absent bowel sounds

Treatment:

NaHCO₃

Beta blockers Overdose (Propranolol, Atenolol, Linalol, Metoprolol)

Bradycardia w/ resultant hypotension

Look for escape rhythms - Junctional ; Ventricular

-Look for respiratory compromise as well

Treatment:

Atropine rule out/parasympathetic tone prophylaxis

TCP ASAP

Glucagon 1mg IVP

Dopamine prn for hypotension

Isuprel gtt

Ca⁺ channel blockers (Verapamil, Nifedipine, Diltiazem)

-Look for severe Bradycardia & AV dissociation

-Look for concomitant hypotension

Treatment:

Calcium chloride/gluconate

TCP

Digitalis toxicity (Digoxin, Digitoxin, Foxglove, Oleander)

Commonly see Bradycardia, SVT, VT, blocks

Treatment:

-Digibind

-Assure normal electrolytes

-TCP

Lidocaine, Magnesium & Dilantin for tachyarrthmias

-Caution with electricity

Hypokalemia (<3.5)

-Loop diuretic misuse/OD

-Serum potassium important as well as pH

-ECG: Peaked P's, Flattened/slurred T's, and appearance of U's

Treatment:

-Potassium Chloride, Potassium Phosphate

Hyperkalemia (>5.0)

-Profound acidosis (DKA, Vent mismanagement, etc...)

-Potassium supplement OD

-ECG: Flattening/slurring of P waves and Peaked T waves

Acetaminophen Poisoning

Stage 1 -

-Occurs within 30 minutes to 24 hours

-Nausea, vomiting & anorexia

-Malaise

-Pallor

-Diaphoresis

Stage 2 -

-24-48 hours

-Right upper quadrant pain/tenderness

-Increased liver enzymes

-Increased serum bilirubin

-Increased prothrombin time (PT)

-Oliguria as result of ATN

Stage 3 -

-72-96 hours

-Peak for liver function abnormalities

-Return of anorexia, nausea, vomiting & malaise

-Jaundice becomes apparent

-Hepatic encephalopathy

-DIC

-Death due to fulminate hepatic necrosis

Stage 4 -

- 4 days to two weeks
- Resolution period
- Liver functions return to normal baseline values, patients become asymptomatic

Acetaminophen Poisoning Treatment

- Ingestion of 7.5g or 150 mg/kg is typically toxic
 - Measure serum levels 4 hour after ingestion
1. GI decontamination
 2. Administer N-acetylcysteine (NAC) (Mucomyst) orally 140 mg/kg
 3. Intravenous (IV) NAC (Acetadote)

Aspirin (ASA) Poisoning

- Depressed DTR's
- Stupor/coma/convulsions
- Myoclonic jerks
- Hypothermia/low grade fever
- Profound Hypocalcemia

Aspirin (ASA) Poisoning Treatment:

1. Activated charcoal
2. Intravenous dextrose and normal saline
3. Sodium bicarbonate
4. Dialysis

Benzodiazepines

- Flumazenil—administer with caution

Narcotics

- Narcan—titrate to effect

TOXIN ANTIDOTE

Carbon Monoxide	Oxygen
Cyanide	Amyl nitrate, Na thiosulfate
Organophosphates	Atropine, 2-pam
Methemoglobinemia	Methylene Blue
Anticholinergic	Physostigmine
Coumadin	Vitamin K, FFP
Heparin	Protamine sulfata
β & Ca ⁺⁺ Blockers	Glucagon, Calcium

Snakebites

Signs and symptoms

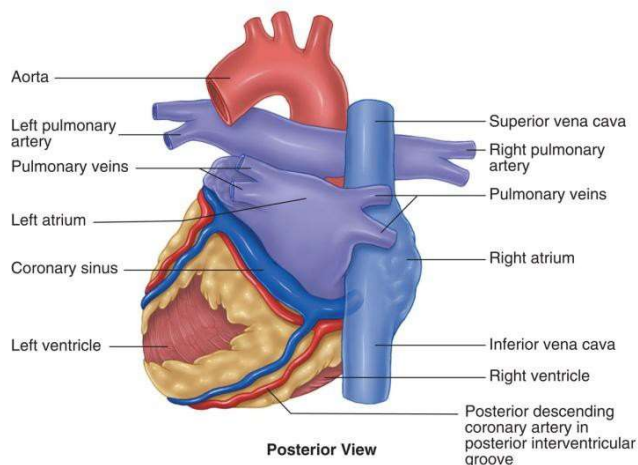
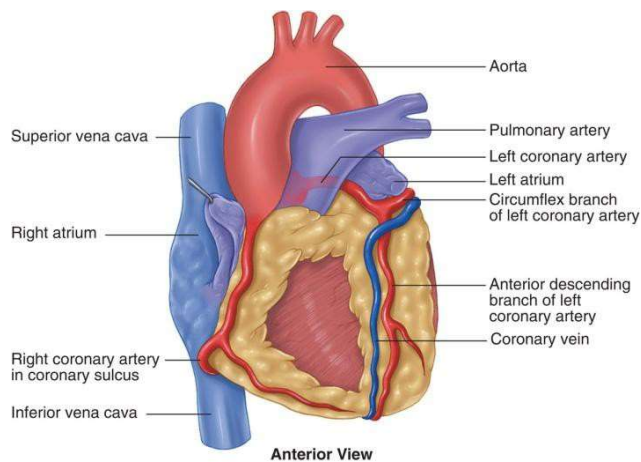
- Localized pain, swelling & edema
- Diaphoresis
- Chills
- Hypotension
- Muscle fasciculation
- Coagulopathies
- Local ecchymosis
- Faintness/weakness

Treatment:

1. Clean and immobilize
2. Airway, ventilatory & circulatory support IV access
3. Monitor for systemic reaction
4. Severe intoxication—Antivenin (monitor for serum sickness)

Cardiac

Anatomy and Physiology



Pericardium — the double walled fibrous sac surrounding the heart

Heart — contains three layers: epicardium, myocardium & endocardium.

Epicardium—thin, outermost layer

Myocardium—thick, muscular middle layer

Endocardium—thin inner layer

Heart chambers — four chambers divided by septums and valves — two types: atrioventricular and semilunar valves.

AV valves — located between atria and ventricles
Open as a result of lower ventricular pressures and close as a result of increased ventricular pressures.

Tricuspid valve — located between the right atrium and right ventricle, three cusps.

Mitral valve — located between the left atria and left ventricle, two cusps.

Semilunar valves — located between the ventricles and the great arteries.

Pulmonic valve — separates the right ventricle from the pulmonary artery.

Aortic valve — separates the left ventricle from the aorta.

Coronary Circulation

Circulation consists of right and left coronary arteries that arise from the coronary Ostia at the aortic root.

Left coronary artery (LCA) bifurcates into the LAD and LCX.

LAD supplies the anterior surface of the heart, the anterior two-thirds of the septum, and part of the lateral wall.

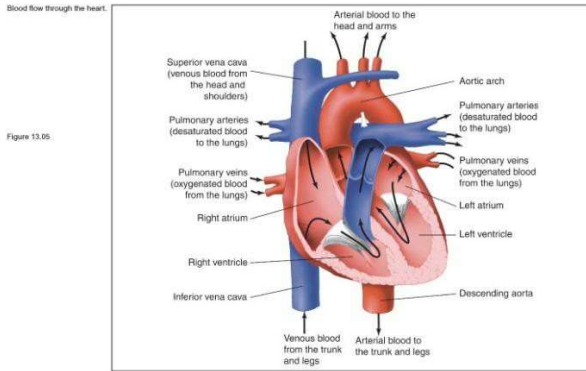
LCX primarily supplies the lateral wall of the left ventricle.

RCA becomes the PDA

These supply the right atrium, right ventricle as well as the inferior and posterior walls of the left ventricle.

Overview of blood flow through the heart

Right atrium—tricuspid valve—right ventricle—pulmonic valve—pulmonary artery—lungs—pulmonary vein—left atrium—mitral valve—left ventricle—aortic valve—aorta—systemic circulation—vena cava— right atrium

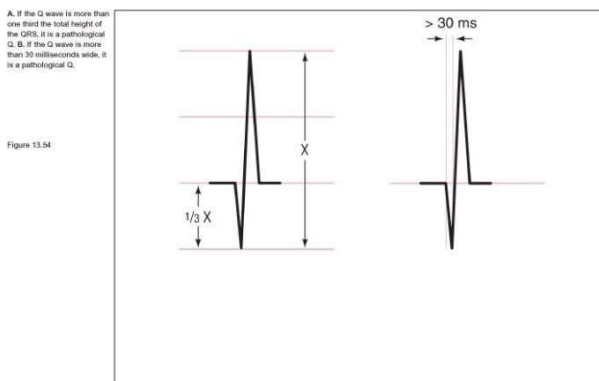


Valve order T-P-M-A

Types of Infarctions

Infarcts are divided into Transmural and non-Transmural, or subendocardial MI's.

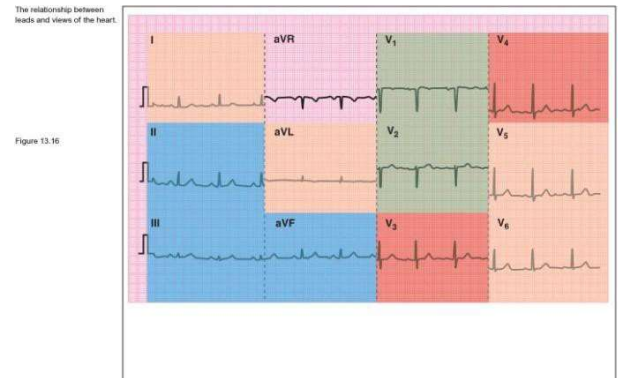
Transmural — extends through the full thickness of the myocardium and includes the endocardium and epicardium.



Q Waves Formation

Greater risk of complications due to loss of functional myocardium

Subendocardial — necrosis is limited to the subendocardial surface.



ACS Classifications

Unstable angina -Diagnosed positive cardiac markers and negative 12-lead changes

Non-STE MI -Diagnosed positive cardiac markers and ST depression or dynamic T wave changes

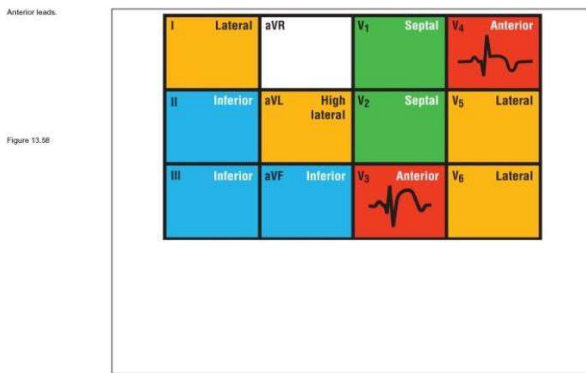
STE MI -Diagnosed positive cardiac markers and identified STE pattern on 12-lead

Cardiac Enzyme Studies

Critical Care Review

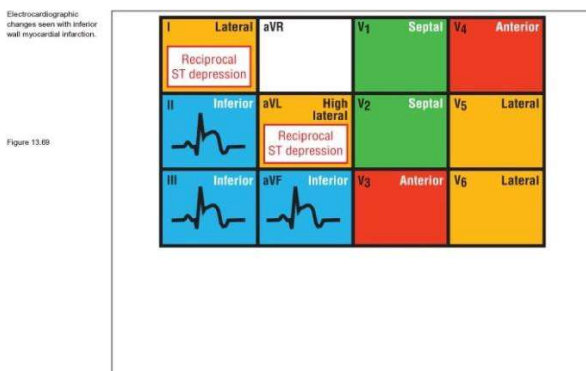
Types and Locations of Infarcts

TABLE 13-8 Reciprocal Leads and Their Corresponding Locations		
Location	Facing Leads	Reciprocal Leads
Anterior	V ₃ , V ₄	None
Inferior	II, III, aVF	I, aVL
Lateral	I, aVL, V ₅ , V ₆	II, III, aVF
Septum	V ₁ , V ₂	None
Posterior	None	V ₇ , V ₈



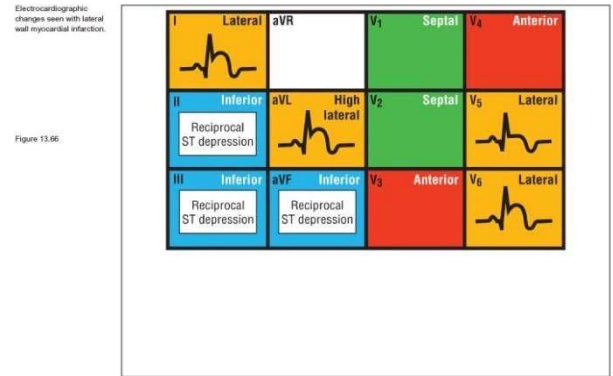
Anterior MI

Obstruction of LAD Infarction of the regions of LV, parts of septum and papillary muscles.



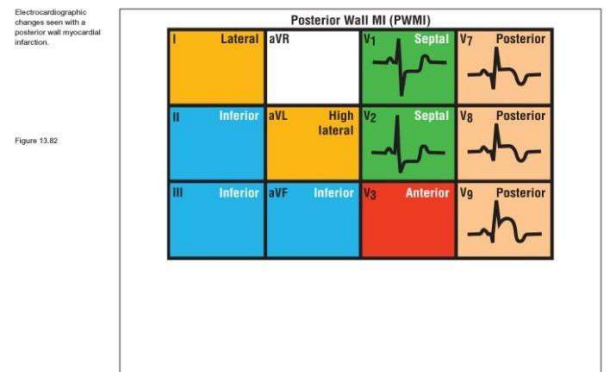
Inferior MI

Obstruction of the RCA, also infarcts the papillary muscles



Lateral MI

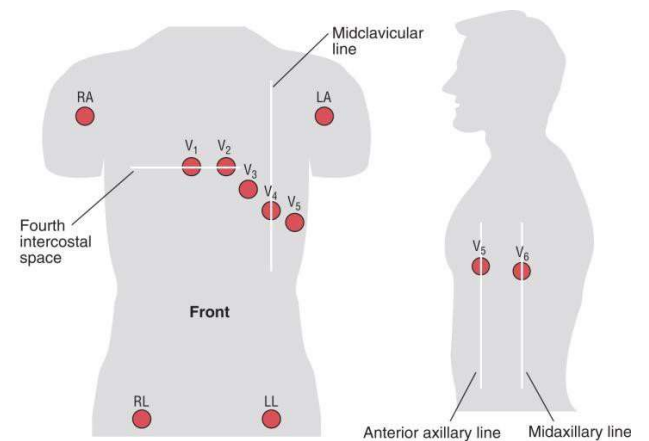
Obstruction of the LCX



Posterior MI

Obstruction of the LCX or the RCA

What exactly are we looking for on the 12-Lead?



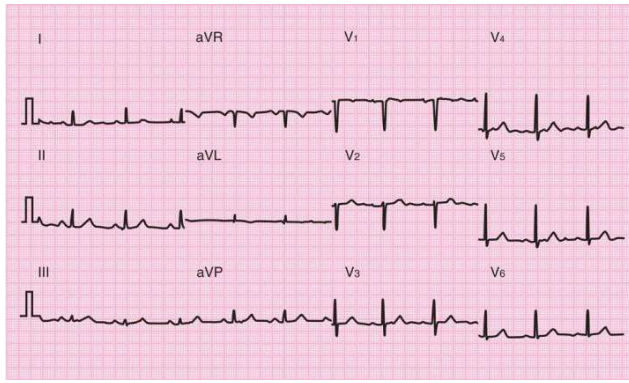


TABLE 13-5 Possible Causes of Axis Deviation	
Axis Deviation	Possible Cause
Right	RVH
	LPH
	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
	Dextrocardia
	Ectopic beats and rhythms
Left	Normal in children
	LAH
	LVH
	IWMI
	Ectopic beats and rhythms
Obesity	
Pregnancy	

Abbreviations: IWMI, inferior wall myocardial infarction; LAH, left anterior hemiblock; LPH, left posterior hemiblock; LVH, left ventricular hypertrophy; RVH, right ventricular hypertrophy.

First –ST Elevation

1mm in two anatomically contiguous leads

Second –Q waves

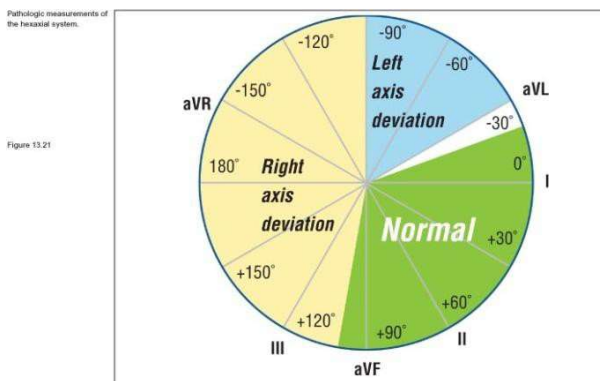
“True” Q’s

Pathological vs. physiological

Third –ST Depression

Reciprocal finding from elevated leads

Axis Deviation



Angina

Stable -Onset with physical exertion or emotional stress, Pain lasts 1-5 minutes and is relieved by rest, predictable.

Unstable -Stable angina that has changed in frequency, quality, duration or intensity, pain lasts longer than 10 minutes despite rest and NTG therapy.

Variant-Spontaneous episodes of CP frequently noted at rest or on early rising, circadian pattern and relieved by NTG.

Silent-Objective evidence of ischemia in asymptomatic patients

Mixed-Combination of stable and variant angina

Treat angina

Nitrates, Beta Blockers, ASA, and MSO4

Inhibit Clotting

G2B3A Inhibitors, Heparin

Management and Treatment of AMI/USA

Pre-load reduction

Nitrates-improve coronary blood flow through smooth muscle relaxation, venous pooling decreases cardiac output and O2 consumption

NTG dosage 5-200 mcg/min

Morphine-vasodilator that decreases preload and afterload, also decreases sympathetic tone causing a decrease in heart rate and reduces O2 demand. Dosage is 2-4 mg every 5-15 minutes.

CPP = DBP - PCWP

Heart rate & myocardial O2 demand reduction B-blockers-decrease heart rate and contractility, and increases diastolic filling time.

Calcium Channel Blockers

Produces dilation of the coronary arteries and collateral vessels, a decrease in myocardial contractility and

Clot prevention and “busting”

ASA/G2B3A Inhibitors

Inhibit platelet aggregation (prevention)

Heparin/LMWH

Inactivates thrombin and factors

IX, X, XI and XII and prevents the conversion of fibrinogen to fibrin. (Prevention)

Fibrinolytic-work by various mechanisms to activate plasminogen to plasmin, resulting in fibrin degradation (“Busting”)

Thrombolytics

Indications

New onset ST segment elevation MI

Complications

Bleeding, intracranial hemorrhage, dysrhythmias, cardiac tamponade, & pulmonary edema

Relative contraindications

HTN, recent trauma, pregnancy

Absolute contraindications

Active internal bleeding, suspected aortic dissection, known intracranial neoplasm and previous hemorrhagic stroke at any time or any stroke within the last year.

Angioplasty

Evidence suggests Equal mortality for patients who receive thrombolytics within 30 minutes and patient who undergo angioplasty within 90 minutes

Post procedure

- watch for re-occlusion
- Continuous lead specific EKG monitoring
- Maintain sheath and vessel patency
- Distal Pulses and occult bleeding

Sheath removal

- maintain direct pressure for 30 minutes
- Leg straight, HOB < 30 Degrees

Cardiovascular Disease and Anomalies

TABLE 13-7 Common Toxic Drug Effects	
Drug	Possible Toxic Effects
Class I antiarrhythmics	Lengthened QRS and QTc intervals Possible AV blocks Slowed or completely blocked SA node Arrhythmias
Calcium channel blockers	Blocked AV node primarily, but extent of block varies significantly among different drugs in this class
Beta-blockers	Slowed automaticity of the SA node and the Purkinje system Blocked AV node
Amiodarone (Cordarone)	Slowed conduction everywhere: the SA node, atrium, AV node, Purkinje system, and ventricles
Phenothiazines and tricyclic antidepressants	Widened QRS and QTc interval T-wave abnormalities Arrhythmias common in overdoses

Abbreviations: AV, atrioventricular; SA, sinoatrial.
 Source: Garcia T, Holtz N. Figure 16-3. In: *12-Lead ECG: The Art of Interpretation*. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers; 2001:507.

Dysrhythmias — treat if symptomatic.

Symptomatic Bradycardia, second degree AV blocks Mobitz II, high grade AV block and complete heart block require placement of a pacemaker.

A commonly used monitor-defibrillator.

Figure 13.101

Courtesy of Physio-Control, Inc.



Complications of pacing

- Failure to sense
- Failure to capture

Cardiomyopathy

Classified as 3 Stages

Dilated — ventricular dilation & contractile dysfunction

Managed with cardiac glycosides, inotropes and diuretics

Hypertrophic — (IHSS) Idiopathic Hypertrophic Sub aortic Stenosis

-Inappropriate ventricular hypertrophy-Big fat ventricular septum hangs out into L ventricle

IHSS – limits blood volume entering L Ventricle to 30cc

Reduction if CO during Systole

Managed with B-blockers – allow heart to stay in Diastole longer, decreasing contractility

- No Nitrates
- No Digoxin, Dobutamine, Dopamine

Restrictive — myocardial scarring of ventricle with impaired diastolic filling.

-Managed with diuretics, anticoagulants,

Aortic Dissection

An intimal tear in the aorta, three types:

Type I — occurs in the ascending aorta and extends distally beyond the aortic arch.

Type II — process is limited to the ascending aorta. (Aortic valve incompetence & Marfan's)

Type III — dissection distal to the origin of the LSC artery & extends distally to abdominal aorta

Management

-Lower SBP to 100-110 mmHg with vasodilators

-Beta blockers to slow the heart rate and decrease the ejection fraction

-Pain relief

HTN crisis

3 Classifications

1. Essential Hypertension
2. Accelerated Hypertension
3. Malignant Hypertension

LOOK AT DIASTOLIC PRESSURE!

> 120mmHg Accelerated

> 140mmHg Malignant

242/142 Malignant Hypertension

230/130 Accelerated Hypertension

Management includes the use of Nipride and Hyperstat to lower the BP to patient's normal within 30-60 minutes

Adult Lab Values

Normal Parameters for Electrolytes

Sodium	Na+	135-145 mEq/L
Potassium	K+	3.5-5.5 mEq/L
Calcium	Ca++	8.8-10.4 mg/dL
Magnesium	Mg+	1.5-2.5 mEq/L
Chloride	CL-	95-105 mEq/L
Phosphorus		3.0-4.5 mg/dL
Bicarbonate	HCO3	21-28 mEq/L
Blood Urea Nitrogen	BUN	6-23 mg/dL
Creatinine		0.6-1.4 mg/dL
Glucose		70-110 mg/dL
Serum Osmolality		275-295 mOsm/kg water
Carbon Dioxide CO2		24-30 mEq/L
Anion Gap		12 +/- 4

CBC

Hemoglobin	12-18 g/dL
Hematocrit	36-52%
Platelets	140-400 x 10 ⁹ /L
WBCs	4,500-10,500 cells/mm ³
Bands	0-3%
PT	11-13 Seconds
INR	1
APTT	21-35 Seconds
Fibrinogen	200-400mg/dL
Fibrin Split Products	< 10mg/L
D-Dimer	<250mcg/L
BNP	<100pg/mL
Lactate	<2.2mEq/L
Troponin I	<0.5 ng/mL
CK Total	0-120 ng/mL
CK MB	0-3 ng/mL

Critical Care Review

Neurological Emergencies

Cerebral Perfusion Pressure (CPP)

Normally ICP = 0-10 mmHg

Transducer must be located at Foramen of Monro

CPP = 70-90 mmHg CPP=MAP-ICP

Very important to maintain MAP when ICP is increased

Normal MAP = 80-100 mmHg

Neuro Anatomy

Pia mater – soft inner covering, adheres to the brain's surface

Dura Mater – tough outer covering Epidural Space – potential space between skull and dura

Subdural Space – potential space between the dura and the arachnoid

Signs of Increased ICP

- Change in LOC
- Change if pupil size and reaction
- Abnormal motor response

Decorticate posturing-flexion of Upper Extremities towards the CORE

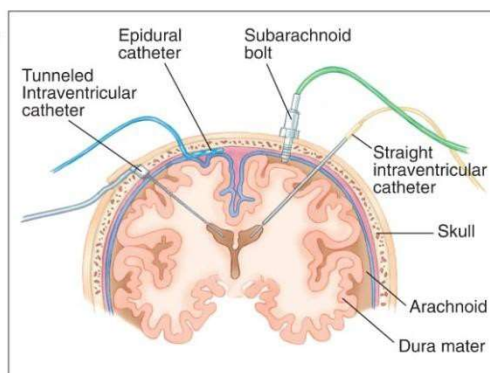
Decerebrate posturing-extension and hyperpronation of Upper Extremities

Cushing's Reflex –increased systolic pressure resulting in:

1. Widened pulse pressure
2. Bradycardia
3. Respiratory changes (Cheyne Stokes)

Invasive methods for intracranial pressure detection and cerebrospinal fluid drainage.

Figure 11.44



Treatment:

1. Positioning of patient
2. 15 – 30 degrees reverse trendelenburg
3. Limit suctioning procedures
 - Noise
 - Atmospheric pressure changes
4. Maintain euvolemia and normothermia
5. Maintain normal electrolytes
6. Sedation – narcotics, bezo's, propofol, NMBA

Subdural Hematoma

Blood between dura and arachnoid layers

Usually venous in nature

High morbidity and mortality rate

3 Types:

Acute – onset within 24 hrs

Subacute – onset within 2 -10 days

Chronic – onset after 2 weeks

Elderly – larger subdurals with slowly developing symptoms due to cerebral atrophy

Younger person – rapid onset of symptoms with marked increased ICP

Pediatrics – generally occur in children under the age of 18 months

- Bulging fontanelles
- Separation of sutures
- Shock
- Retinal Hemorrhages

Treatment approach to herniation

1. Intubate and mildly hyperventilate to a PCO₂ of 28 – 32
2. Assure adequate Hgb and cardiac output
3. Adequate Fluid resuscitation, then Mannitol, Hypertonic Solution
4. Maintain serum sodium 155
5. Serum Osmolarity less than 320
6. Barbiturate therapy

Mannitol – osmotic diuretic thought to work by decreasing the viscosity of blood and improving microcirculation (0.5 – 1.5 gms/kg)

Lasix – loop diuretic and alternative to Mannitol

Vasopressors to maintain MAP and blood pressure

Epidural Hematoma

Bleeding between the skull and the dura mater

Usually arterial, but can be venous

Laceration of Middle meningeal artery in the temporal lobe area

Classic signs – transient loss of consciousness followed by a period of lucidity

Uncal herniation – will result in dilation of the ipsilateral pupil with contralateral Neuro deficits/posturing – brain shifts laterally

Acute – usually an arterial bleed, onset of symptoms in a few hours

Subacute – usually a venous bleed with onset taking longer

Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

Bleeding between the arachnoid mater and the pia mater

Trauma is the most common cause

May occur with other injuries or as the only evidence of trauma

Signs/Symptoms

1. Severe headache
2. Vomiting, stiff neck, leg pain
3. Confusion, lethargy
4. Loss of consciousness

Avoid lumbar punctures due to the possibility of Uncal herniation (Uncus of the tentorium)

Intracerebral Hematoma

Hemorrhage in the brain parenchyma

Produced from shearing and tensile forces

Frequently occurs in the white matter of the frontal and temporal regions

May be single or multiple and is associated with contusions, SDH and DAI

Less common injury with delayed onset of symptoms (24 hours or more after injury)

Intraventricular Hemorrhage

Bleeding into the ventricles as a result of severe brain trauma

Result of shearing forces

Greatly increased mortality rate

Usually found in frontal or temporal lobes

Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA)

3 Classifications of stroke

1. **Embolic** – most common
2. **Hemorrhagic**-bleeding into the brain tissue
3. **Thrombotic** – least common

Treatment:

- Prevent additional insult
- Maximize CPP
- Control increased ICP and associated conditions
- Thrombolytic therapy within 3 hours of neurologic deterioration onset

Skull Fx

Linear – a line that extends toward the base of the skull

Linear Stellate – Multiple fractures that radiate from the compressed area

Diastatic – involves a separation of the bones at a suture line of a marked separation of bone fragments

Depressed Skull – May be closed or open

Basilar Skull – fracture of the base of the cranial vault

Battle sign – bruising behind the ear on the mastoid bone

Periorbital ecchymosis (Raccoon Eyes) – bruising around the eyes

Otorrhea – bleeding from the ear with CSF leak

Rhinorrhea – bleeding from the nose with CSF leak

Complications of Skull Fractures

- Intracranial infections
- Hematomas
- Meningeal and brain tissue damage
- Pneumocephalus
- Nerve damage and palsies

Spinal Cord Syndromes

Brown-Sequard – hemisection of the cord (usually cervical region) very rare, ipsilateral loss of motor, position, and vibratory sense with contralateral loss of pain of temperature perception

Central Cord Syndrome – greater motor weakness in upper extremities than lower with varying degrees of sensory loss (children shopping analogy)

Anterior Cord Syndrome – complete motor, pain, temperature loss below the lesion with sparing proprioception, vibration, and touch

Complications

Be aware of SCIWORA

Neurogenic shock-areflexia with flaccid paralysis immediately or shortly after injury

Transection of the cord will result in parasympathetic dominance below the lesion

Classic Signs of Neurogenic Shock – includes hypotension, warm red skin, and absence of tachycardia (Bradycardia)

Autonomic Dysreflexia or Neurogenic Bladder – Potential life threatening HTN caused by transection of spinal cord usually above T6 – check Foley for kinks and drain slowly

Pediatric-Neonatal Emergencies

Anatomical Differences

1. Rib cage is more elastic and flexible
2. Lung tissue is more fragile
3. Mediastinum is more mobile
4. Bones of the skull are soft and separated by cartilage until the age of 5
5. Liver and Spleen are proportionately larger and more vascular
6. Bones are softer
7. Fontanelles-anterior closes at 12-18 months, posterior closes by 2 months

Physiological Differences

- Children have higher cardiac output per kg of body weight than adults
- Heart rate is increased and stroke volume is smaller
- Children with trauma will not demonstrate hypotension until acute blood loss totals 25% of the circulating volume
- Circulating blood volume in children is 75-80 mL/kg
- Fluid resuscitation= 20cc/kg
- Glucose needs = 2cc/kg D25
- Larger ratio of surface area to volume

Respiratory – Airway differences

Trachea is narrow with elastic rings

Tongue large in comparison to mouth

Epiglottis is short, narrow and angled away from the long axis of the trachea

Larynx is higher and more anterior

The vocal cords have a lower attachment

< 10 years old, narrowest portion of airway is at the cricoid cartilage

Oxygen consumption in infants is 6-8ml/kg compared to 3-4ml/kg in adults

Pediatric Assessment

1. *LOC* – activity and responsiveness
2. *Perfusion Status* – Color; distal pulses
3. *Work of Breathing (WOB)* – Retractions; Rate/Depth

Resuscitation

Airway, Airway, Airway!

ETT size (age/4) + 4

(Age+16)/4

Depth of insertion (age/2) +12

IV access

Cardioversion: 0.5-1.0 j/kg “sync”

Defibrillation: 2j/kg then 4j/kg

Cerebral resuscitation

Common Injuries

Solid Organs

- Brain, lung, liver-spleen, pancreas, kidney

Hollow Organs

- Proximal jejunum, duodenum, bladder

Fractures of long bones

Waddell's Triad: common injuries when a child is struck by a motor vehicle; injuries include those to the head, trunk, and extremities

The single largest cause of traumatic deaths is motor vehicle related accidents

Orthopedic Injuries

Comminuted – Bone is broken into fragments

Compound – Bone is broken and piercing the skin

Compressed – One bone is forced against another

Displaced – The ends of the bone are not aligned

Greenstick – Periosteum divided on only one side

Pathological – Occurs because of a bone defect

Simple – Fracture is straight and in good alignment

Spiral – Fracture resulting from twisting motion

Isolette Use

AAP less than 10lbs or 30 days

-Thermoregulation issues

-Ventilator management strategies

-Sound, Light and Stimulus Discipline

Thermoregulation Assessment

- Temperature; continuously via skin and rectal probe

-Neurologic status

- Perfusion Status

- Vital signs

Interventions

- Incubator; <30 days or <5kg

- Pre-warm; check battery; keep transport environment warm;

Incubator Temps

Birth weight (grams)	Clothed	Exposed
>2500	28C	33C
1501-2500	31C	35.5C
<1500	33C	36.5C

Each 1C above 37C

-Heart rate increases 20bpm

-Respiratory rate increases 10rpm

Mechanical Ventilation

Pressure cycle mode for uncuffed tubes; SpO2 and ETCO2 are standard of care; Correlate gas interpretation with SpO2 and ETCO2

Infant Ventilator Settings

FiO2	100%
Inspiratory Time	>.5 sec
PIP	20 – 30 cmH2O
Rate	20 – 30
PEEP	3 – 5 cm

Child Ventilator Settings

FiO ₂	100%
I: E ratio	1:1
Tidal Volume	6-10 cc/kg
PIP	Up to 40 cm H ₂ O
Rate	16 – 20
PEEP	3-5 cm

Sound, Light, and Stimulus

- Over stimulus promotes HTN
- Think about your local NICU

Quiet; dark; like where a baby comes from

- Use isolette covers
- Stay out of isolette as much as possible
- Gentle handling/loading

Seizures

- Alert to signs of neonatal/infant seizures
- Don't forget to rule out common causes

-Hypoglycemia

-May be primary or secondary

-Due to immaturity of nervous system rarely demonstrate classic generalized tonic-Clonic activity

Subtle – repetitive mouth/tongue movement, bicycling, eye deviation, repetitive blinking

Clonic – repetitive jerky movements of limbs

Tonic – May resemble posturing or tonic extension seen in older patients

Myoclonic – Multiple jerking motions, usually of the upper extremities

NEONATAL EMERGENCIES

Diaphragmatic Hernia

- Intubation
- PPV
- OGT w/ suction
- NPO

Choanal Atresia

- Obligate nose breathers
- Intubate/OPA

Aspiration Pneumonia

Lethargy?

- Intubation
- Suctioning

Brisk?

- Monitor only

Coarctation of the Aorta

-Narrowing of aortic arch typically just distal of left subclavian bifurcation

-Decreased aortic flow results in increased LV pressures and failure

Commonly associated with VSD

Treatment -Surgical dilatation

Tetralogy of Fallot

- VSD
- PA outflow obstruction
- RV hypertrophy
- Rightward displacement of aorta exploited by VSD

Treatment

Severe hypoxia?

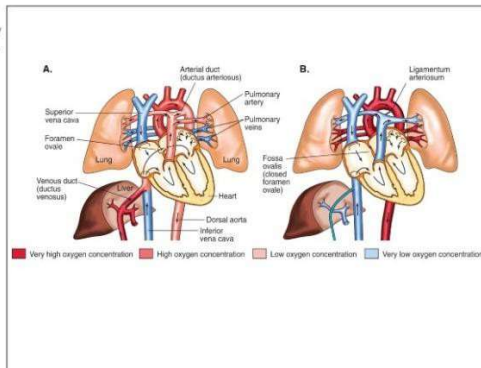
- PGE1 for PDA patency mgt

Surgical

- Cath PA and dilate
- "Patch" VSD
- "Tet spell" management

The ductus arteriosus plays a role in fetal circulation before birth (A) and normally transforms to become the ligamentum arteriosum after birth (B).

Figure 23.22

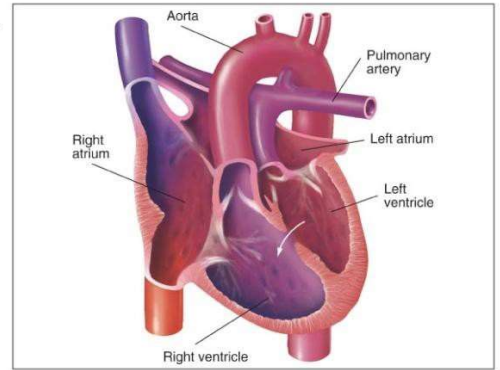


Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)

- Potential for gross pulmonary edema and respiratory failure
- Patency with prostaglandin may be necessary with specific CHD's
- Oxygen administration issues for therapeutic
 - PDA patency

Transposition of the great arteries. Note that a ventricular septal defect is shown here as well.

Figure 23.23



Transposition of the Great Vessels

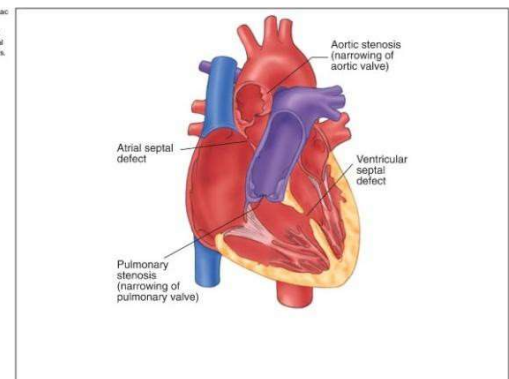
- "Survival" via foramen ovale and PDA and/or VSD
- Progressive hypoxemia will ensue
- Extreme caution with air embolus
 - Prostaglandin administration (PDA patency management)

Surgery

- VSD created (temp)
- Jantene ("arterial switch")

Locations of various cardiac lesions. Atrioventricular canal defect is not shown. It is a hole in both the atrial and ventricular septal walls.

Figure 23.21



Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD)

- Dependent on size and location
- Majority close spontaneously

Treatment

Meds

Indomethacin for closure

Prostaglandin for patency Coil

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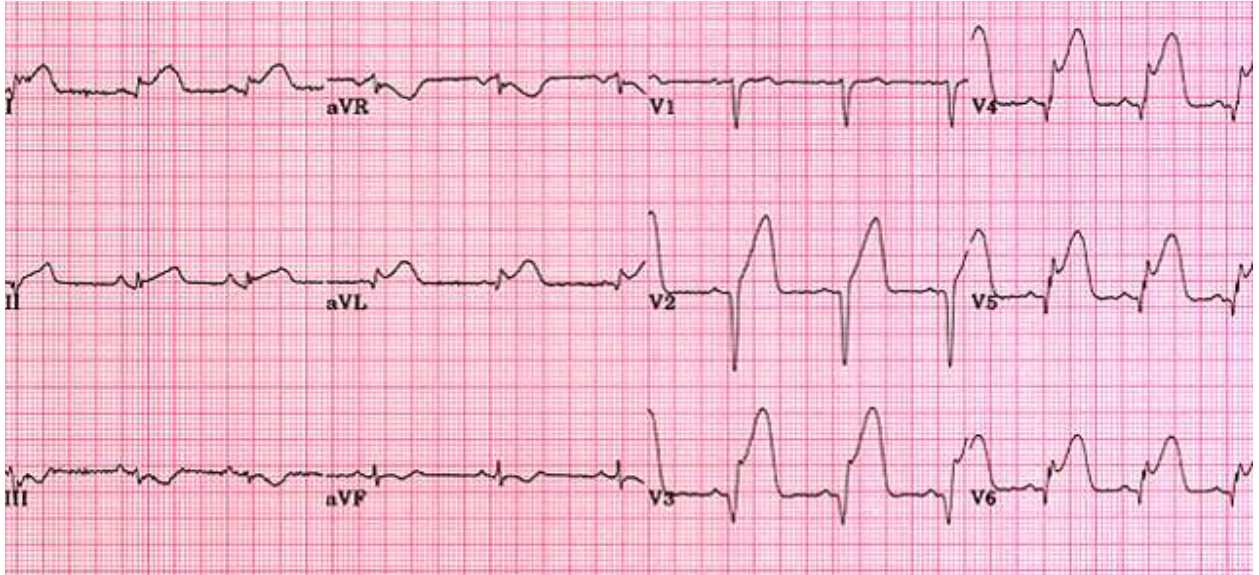
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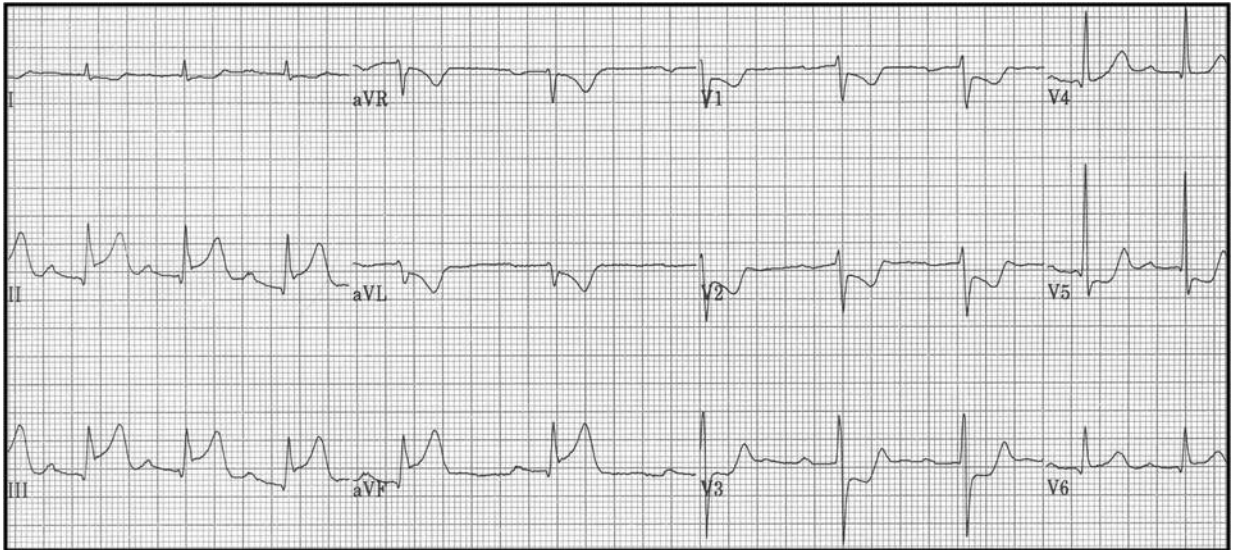
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- Tracheobronchial rupture: Signs of tracheal rupture usually appear immediately or soon after the initial intubation, and the diagnosis is suspected from the common signs of subcutaneous emphysema and respiratory distress (Intubate **the Right Main-stem**)
- Lateral MI: (**Septal MI was the Choice**)



- **magnesium overdose:** Cardiac arrhythmias (irregular heartbeats), Difficulty performing daily tasks, Impaired balance and coordination, Respiratory failure and respiratory arrest (on the exam 3 questions, **Calcium Gluconate**)
- The following are common symptoms of preeclampsia: elevated blood pressure, swelling in your face or hands, headaches, excessive weight gain, nausea and vomiting, vision problems, including episodes with loss of vision or blurry vision, difficulty urinating and abdominal pain, especially in the right upper abdomen (**Give Magnesium**)
- Autonomic dysreflexia is a syndrome in which there is a sudden onset of excessively high blood pressure. It is more common in people with spinal cord injuries that involve the thoracic nerves of the spine or above (T6 or above). Signs are pounding headache, A flushed face and/or red blotches on the skin above the level of spinal injury, Sweating above the level of spinal injury, Nasal stuffiness, Nausea, A slow heart rate, Goose bumps below the level of spinal injury, and Cold, clammy skin below the level of spinal injury. (Ask patient and caretaker if they suspect a cause. • Elevate the patient's head and lower the legs (this will help lower BP while cause is identified). • Loosen any constrictive clothing, such as an abdominal binder or compressive stockings. • **Check bladder drainage equipment for kinks or other causes of obstruction to flow, insert foley,** such as clogging of inlet to leg bag or overfull leg bag. • Monitor BP every 2 to 5 minutes. • Avoid pressing over the bladder)

- Posterior MI ECG show up like below (the answer is posterior MI not inferior)



- **CPP: Cerebral perfusion pressure (CPP)** is the net **pressure** gradient that drives oxygen delivery to **cerebral** tissue. It is the difference between the mean arterial **pressure** (MAP) and the Intracranial **Pressure** (ICP), measured in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg). (Had to figure out the actual number, need to know the following formulas: $CPP = MAP - ICP$ and $MAP = \text{Diastolic} \times 2 + \text{Systolic} / 3$)
- Dystonic reactions are reversible extrapyramidal effects that can occur after administration of a neuroleptic drug. Symptoms may begin immediately or can be delayed hours to days. Although a wide variety of medications can elicit symptoms, the typical antipsychotics are most often responsible.
- Dystonic reactions (ie, dyskinesias) are characterized by intermittent spasmodic or sustained involuntary contractions of muscles in the face, neck, trunk, pelvis, extremities, and even the larynx. Although dystonic reactions are rarely life threatening.
 - Drugs belonging to this class of neuroleptics include (trade name listed in parenthesis): Acetohazine (Tindal®), amoxapine (Asendin®), chlorpromazine (Thorazine®), fluphenazine (Permitil®, Prolixin®), (haloperidol (Haldol®) the one on exam), loxapine (Loxitane®, Daxolin®), mesoridazine (Serentil®), metaclopramide (Reglan®), molindone (Lindone®, Moban®), perphanzine (Trilafrom®, Triavil®), piperacetazine (Quide®), prochlorperazine (Compazine®, Combid®), promazine (Sparine®), promethazine (Phenagran®), thiethylperazine (Torecan®), thioridazine (Mellaril®), thiothixene (Navane®), trifluoperazine (Stelazine®), triflupromazine (Vesprin®), and trimeprazine (Temaril®).
 - Treatment was Benadryl (diphenhydramine)

- Tachycardia of atrial or ventricular origin reduces stroke volume and cardiac output particularly when the ventricular rate is greater than 160 beats/min. The stroke volume becomes reduced because of decreased ventricular filling time and decreased ventricular filling (preload) at high rates of contraction. Furthermore, if the tachyarrhythmia is associated with abnormal ventricular conduction, the synchrony and therefore effectiveness of ventricular contraction will be impaired leading to reduced ejection. Another consequence of tachycardia is increased myocardial oxygen demand.
- Weather minimums on the test you are never able to take the flight.

VFR WEATHER MINIMUMS				
////////////////////	NON-MOUNTAIN		MOUNTAIN	
TIME OF DAY	LOCAL	CROSS-CON	LOCAL	CROSS-CON
DAY	800/2	800/3	800/3	1000/3
NIGHT	800/3	1000/3	1000/3	1000/5

- The signs of increased ICP include: Headache, Vomiting, Restlessness and irritability, Increased blood pressure, Decreased mental abilities, Confusion about time, location and people as the pressure worsens, Double vision, Pupils that don't respond to changes in light, Shallow breathing, Seizures, Decreased level of consciousness, and Coma.
- OD question: patient was unknown drug overdose he was intubated by sending MD what action you should consider before leaving, 30 min transport.
 - After supplying supportive measures to maintain airway, breathing and circulation ("ABCs"), the management for a poisoned patient should be directed toward decreasing or limiting toxin accumulation.
 - Prevention of further absorption, Whole bowel irrigation, Oral sorbents,
 - The second step in minimizing toxin accumulation or promoting its removal is to facilitate endogenous excretion through forced diuresis, manipulation of urinary pH (Alkalization of the urine), or removal of toxin via the gut.
- Signs and symptoms of MDMA intoxication: Uncontrolled body movements, Confusion and other changes in mental status, restlessness and anxiety, even paranoia, Headache and blurred vision, Clenched jaws, Elevated body temperature, chills, and excessive sweating, Abdominal cramping, nausea, and vomiting, Irregular and rapid heart rate along with chest pains, Increased blood pressure, and Urinary retention and delayed orgasm.
 - Because dehydration and concomitant organ failure are often a part of ecstasy overdose, treatment to reduce body temperature and rehydrate are typical first steps.

- Time of useful consciousness (TUC), also effective performance time (EPT), is defined as the amount of time an individual is able to perform flying duties efficiently in an environment of inadequate oxygen supply

Altitude (measured barometrically)	TUC (rapid decompression)
FL180 (18,000 ft; 5,500 m)	10 to 15 minutes
FL220 (22,000 ft; 6,700 m)	5 minutes
FL250 (25,000 ft; 7,600 m)	1.5 to 3.5 minutes
FL280 (28,000 ft; 8,550 m)	1.25 to 1.5 minutes
FL300 (30,000 ft; 9,150 m)	30 to 60 seconds
FL350 (35,000 ft; 10,650 m)	15 to 30 seconds
FL400 (40,000 ft; 12,200 m)	7 to 10 seconds
FL430 (43,000 ft; 13,100 m) or >	5 seconds

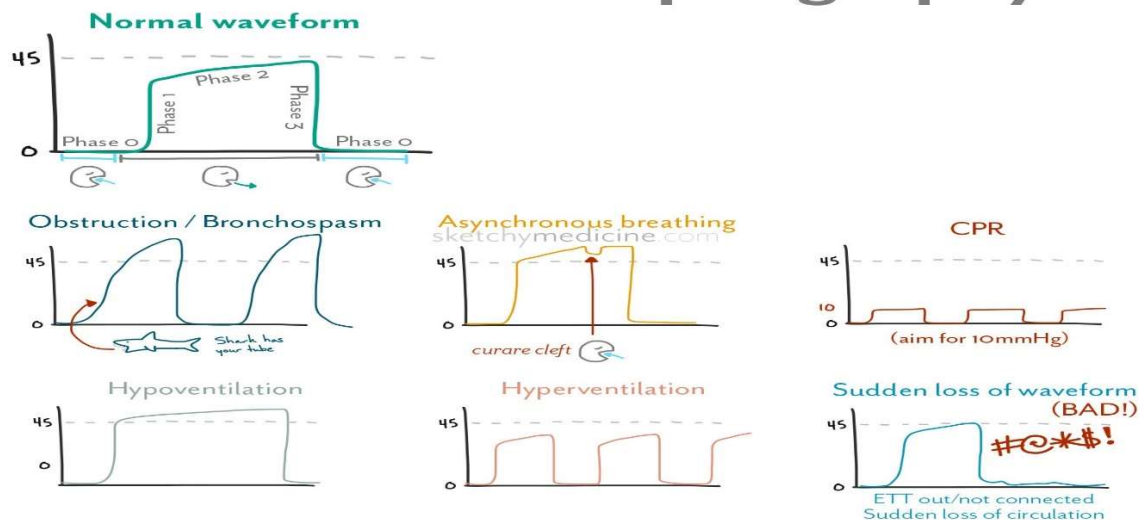
- Isotonic fluid boluses (NS) are the initial approach to the child with moderate to severe dehydration. A bolus is 20 ml/kg (maximum 1 liter). This is typically given over 20 minutes in the child with moderate dehydration and as fast as possible in the child with severe dehydration. Boluses should be repeated until the child has restoration of intravascular volume.
- Intubated victims of submersion injury may require PEEP with mechanical ventilation to maintain adequate oxygenation. PEEP has been shown to improve ventilation patterns in the noncompliant lung in several ways, including the following: Provides distending pressure to improve volume of gas at the end of exhalation (increases functional residual capacity)
- Heatstroke occurs in classic and exertional forms and is present when the core body temperature exceeds 40 C (104 F). The patient may experience cardiac arrhythmias, rhabdomyolysis, serum chemistry abnormalities, disseminated intravascular coagulation, and death. Heatstroke is a medical emergency that should be treated immediately with temperature-lowering techniques such as immersion in an ice bath or evaporative cooling. Fluid resuscitation is important but should be closely monitored, and renal function may need to be protected with mannitol and diuretics.
 - IV administration of 1 L of 5.5 percent dextrose in normal saline over 30 to 60 minutes while monitoring serum sodium and potassium levels is recommended. Metabolic abnormalities such as phosphate, calcium, and magnesium imbalances should also be monitored and corrected.
 - When a person with water-depleted heat exhaustion is hypernatremia, it is necessary to hydrate slowly at a rate sufficient to reduce serum sodium by about 2 mEq per L per hour to prevent iatrogenic cerebral edema.

- Environmental changes not tolerated by patients: As altitude increases, the atmospheric temperature decreases (for every 1000 feet of elevation you gain. You can also use about 1.2 degrees Celsius per ever 1000 feet, or about 2 degrees Celsius per 100 meters, Charles law), in addition to humidity also decreases. Clinicians must recognize this effect and be prepared to warm patients. Two important environmental concepts in flight medicine include decreased temperatures at high altitude and the lack of humidity leading to the drying of secretions.
- O2 Adjustment Formula $(FIO_2 \times P_1) / P_2$

PRESSURE	
SEA LEVEL	760 MMHG
10,000 FEET	523 MMHG
18,000 FEET	380 MMHG
63,000 FEET	0

- Cardiogenic Shock: PAWP>18-20, Decrease urine output, SBP<80mmhg.
- Acute and severe electrolyte imbalances can manifest with seizures, which may be the sole presenting symptom. Seizures are more frequently observed in patients with sodium disorders (especially hyponatremia), hypocalcemia, and hypomagnesemia.

Waveform Capnography



- Obstruction/ Bronchospasm wave form remember this is a Obstructive not restrictive.
- In Obstructive wave form, give Beta-Agonist.

Figure 7: Capnography waveform trending down in shock



Figure 8: Capnography waveform indicating hypoxia due to asthma



Figure 9: Capnography waveform indicating hypoxia due to mechanical obstruction



Figure 10: Capnography waveform illustrating emphysema or leaking alveoli in pneumothorax



Figure 11: Capnography waveform indicating poor lung compliance, also seen in obese and pregnant patients



- **Blood gas analysis for fat embolism:** Arterial Blood gas analysis initially reveals hypoxia with hypocarbia and respiratory alkalosis. Later on, as respiratory muscle fatigue develops, there may be carbon dioxide retention and respiratory acidosis. An increased alveolar-arterial shunt fraction, in the absence of ARDS, within 24-48 h of a potentially causative event is strongly suggestive of FES.
 - Symptoms of fat embolism syndrome: rapid breathing, shortness of breath, mental confusion, Lethargy, Coma, pinpoint rash (called a petechial rash), often found on the chest, head, and neck area, which occurs due to bleeding under the skin, Fever, and anemia.

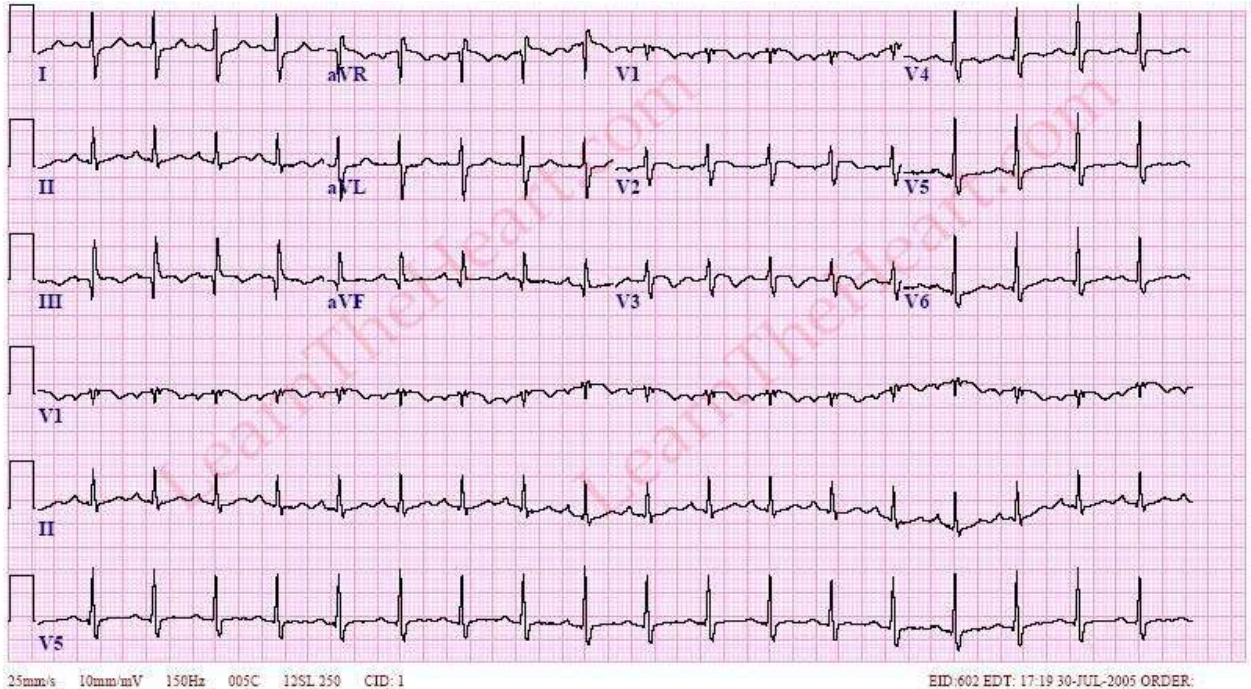
		Cardiac Output	
		Sufficient	Insufficient
Volume Status	Euvolemic	Compensated HF Outpatient treatment	Cold and Dry Refractory CGS
	Volume Overloaded	Warm and Wet ADHF, diuretic responsive	Cold and Wet Classic CGS

CLINICAL DEFINITION
<p>A hemodynamic stress in patients whereby: CO is either insufficient to provide adequate tissue perfusion <i>OR</i> CO is sufficient but requires compensatory hemodynamic changes that are deleterious and unsustainable.</p>
SHOCK TRIAL DEFINITION
<p>Clinical criteria: SBP <90 mm Hg for ≥30 min <i>OR</i> Support to maintain SBP ≥90 mm Hg <i>AND</i> End-organ hypoperfusion (urine output <30 mL/h or cool extremities)</p> <p><i>Hemodynamic criteria:</i> CI of ≤2.2 L·min⁻¹·m⁻² <i>AND</i> PCWP ≥15 mm Hg</p>
IABP-SHOCK II TRIAL DEFINITION
<p>Clinical criteria: SBP <90 mm Hg for ≥30 min <i>OR</i> Catecholamines to maintain SBP >90 mm Hg <i>AND</i> Clinical pulmonary congestion <i>AND</i> Impaired end-organ perfusion (altered mental status, cold/clammy skin and extremities, urine output <30 mL/h, or lactate >2.0 mmol/L)</p>

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- The Femoral the vein lies posterolateral to the artery, while proximally, at the apex of the femoral triangle, the vein lies posterior to the artery.

- Asthma/COPD ventilation: Hypoxia can generally be corrected through a high FiO₂, but patients with airway obstruction are at risk of high airway pressures, breath stacking leading to intrinsic PEEP, barotrauma, and volutrauma. To minimize intrinsic PEEP, it is recommended that expiratory flow time be increased as much as possible and that tidal volumes and respiratory rates are set at low values. ^[12] Permissive hypercapnia enables a low respiratory rate of 6-8 breaths per minute to be used, as well as an increased I:E ratio of 1:1.5 or 1:2.
- Complications may include injury to the **artery behind** the knee in about 20% of cases or **compartment syndrome**. Damage to the common peroneal nerve or tibial nerve may also occur. Nerve problems if they occur often never fully heal.
 - **Artery behind the knee**: The popliteal artery is a deeply placed continuation of the femoral artery opening in the distal portion of the adductor magnus muscle. It courses through the popliteal fossa and ends at the lower border of the popliteus muscle, where it branches into the anterior and posterior tibial arteries.
 - There are five characteristic signs and symptoms related to acute **compartment syndrome**: **pain**, paraesthesia (reduced sensation), paralysis, pallor, and pulselessness. Pain and paresthesia are the early symptoms of compartment syndrome.
 - **Pain** – A person may experience pain disproportionate to the findings of the physical examination. This pain may not be relieved by strong analgesic medications.
- **Hydrocephalus** is the buildup of fluid in the cavities (ventricles) deep within the brain. The excess fluid increases the size of the ventricles and puts pressure on the brain.
 - **Physical signs and symptoms**: A bulging or tense soft spot (fontanel) on the top of the head, Vomiting, Sleepiness, Irritability, Poor feeding, Seizures, Eyes fixed downward (sunsetting of the eyes), Deficits in muscle tone and strength, Poor responsiveness to touch, and Poor growth.
 - **CT Findings**: **the ventricles are disproportionately dilated** compared to the sulci in hydrocephalus, whereas both the ventricles and sulci are proportionately enlarged in atrophy, The temporal horns are particularly sensitive to increases in CSF pressure, The size of the temporal horns in hydrocephalus is greater than 2 mm and, In the absence of hydrocephalus, the temporal horns are barely visible
- **Pitot Tube**: A pitot-static system is a system of pressure-sensitive instruments that is most often used in aviation to determine an aircraft's airspeed

- A large S wave in lead I, a Q wave in lead III and an inverted T wave in lead III together indicate acute right heart strain. This pattern only occurs in about 10% of people with pulmonary embolisms and is similar to the ECG findings of a left posterior fascicular block, or LPFB.

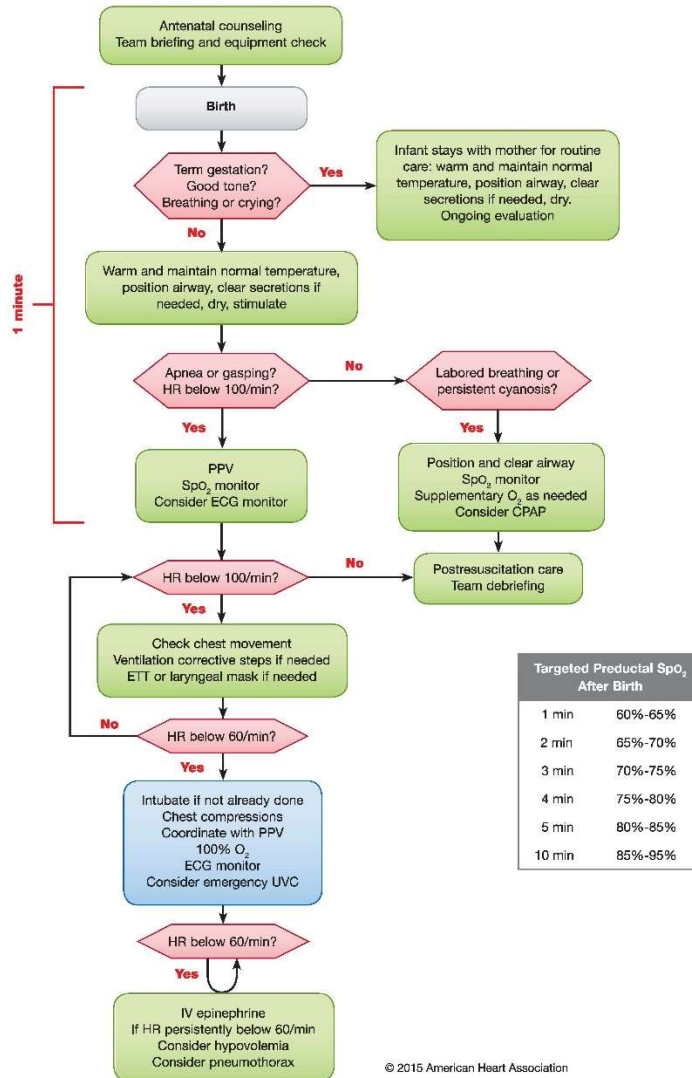


- Kids get hypothermic because they have a large body surface area.
 - Exam only gives you degrees in Celsius.
 - $T(^{\circ}\text{F}) = T(^{\circ}\text{C}) \times 1.8 + 32$
- Use Norepinephrine to treat GI bleeding after fluids, titrate to Systolic of 90 or MAP>60.
 - Norepinephrine is the recommended vasopressor to restore blood pressure in septic shock states. It is a sympathomimetic agent acting on alpha adrenergic receptors in both veins and artery. Increased vasoconstriction on artery increases the blood pressure directly. Venoconstriction, especially in the splanchnic circulation, causes a shift of venous blood volume into systemic circulation, increasing the circulating blood volume in the central compartment, thus maintaining blood flow to the vital organs.
 - Norepinephrine increases the CPP, although it causes no improvement in cerebral oxygenation which improves only after transfusion in hemorrhagic shock.
- Fluid infusion is the mainstay of treatment for patients with RVI. In the case of an inferior MI with right ventricular involvement, the administration of nitroglycerin and morphine could cause an abrupt drop in blood pressure. NTG should not be given without a systolic blood pressure of at least 90.

- Sterile Cockpit rule: Only essential conversation during take off and landing and busy airspace. **Appropriate breaking of rule is to point out an obstacle.**
- Flight following is **15 min while in flight** and 45 min while on the ground.
- Brace for impact position: In rear-facing seats, the attendant should be sitting with their back and head firmly against the back of the jump seat, their knees and feet together and slightly in front of or behind the knee, commonly referred to as "toes to tail". **Hands gripping belt.** Turn O2 and help pilot with his request.
- Inhaled hydrogen cyanide, produced during combustion of multiple household materials, also inhibits the cytochrome oxidase system and may have a synergistic effect with carbon monoxide producing tissue hypoxia and acidosis as well as a decrease in cerebral oxygen consumption.
 - Administer a cyanide antidote if the diagnosis of cyanide toxicity is strongly suspected, without waiting for laboratory confirmation. Available antidotes are hydroxocobalamin (Cyanokit) and **sodium thiosulfate** and sodium nitrite (Nithiodote). Both are given intravenously.
- Diaphragmatic hernias can arise at birth due to congenital conditions such as Bochdalek and Morgagni hernias or from traumatic injury to the abdomen. Automobile accidents and falls are among the most common causes for this condition. Diaphragmatic hernias demand prompt medical attention, usually requiring immediate surgical intervention and repair.
 - Place an NG tube when possible, as this will help in diagnosis if the NG tube appears in the chest on chest radiograph. Aspiration of gastric contents also helps to decompress any abdominal herniation and to lessen the abdominoperitoneal gradient that favors herniation into the chest
- Thermal stress from cold and heat can affect health and productivity in a wide range of environmental and workload conditions. Health risks typically occur in the outer zones of heat and cold stress, but are also related to workload. Environmental factors related to thermal stress are reviewed. Individuals undergo thermoregulatory physiologic changes to adapt and these changes are reviewed. Heat and cold related illnesses are reviewed as well as their appropriate therapy. Published standards, thresholds and recommendations regarding work practices, personal protection and types of thermal loads are reviewed.

- Regular and analog human insulins are used for correction of hyperglycemia, unless bovine or pork insulin is the only available insulin. Clinical considerations in treating diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) include the following: **Only short-acting insulin is used for correction of hyperglycemia in DKA**
- **Atony of the uterus**, also called uterine atony, is a serious condition that can occur after childbirth. It occurs when the uterus fails to contract after the delivery of the baby, and it can lead to a potentially life-threatening condition known as postpartum hemorrhage.
 - Atony of the uterus is usually diagnosed when the uterus is soft and relaxed and there's excessive bleeding after giving birth.
 - uterotonic drugs including oxytocin, **methylergonovine (Methergine)**, and prostaglandins, such as Hemabate
- Second period of Burns: The early post-resuscitation phase is a period of transition from the shock phase to the hypermetabolic phase, and fluid strategies should change radically with a view to restoring losses due to water evaporation. The main changes in this period is **Hypernatremia**
- Nitrogen Narcosis (**needs rapid recompression**): Inert gases under pressure have an intoxicating effect. Nitrogen under pressure can cause nitrogen narcosis, which impairs the ability to think and reason. Divers can usually stop nitrogen narcosis by ascending until symptoms resolve. The danger of nitrogen narcosis lies in impaired judgment, causing divers to lose track of time, remaining air and depth limits and resulting in agitation, panic or confusion. This can lead to various problems, including drowning when they run out of air, or increasing the chances for serious injury or illness by ascending too rapidly.

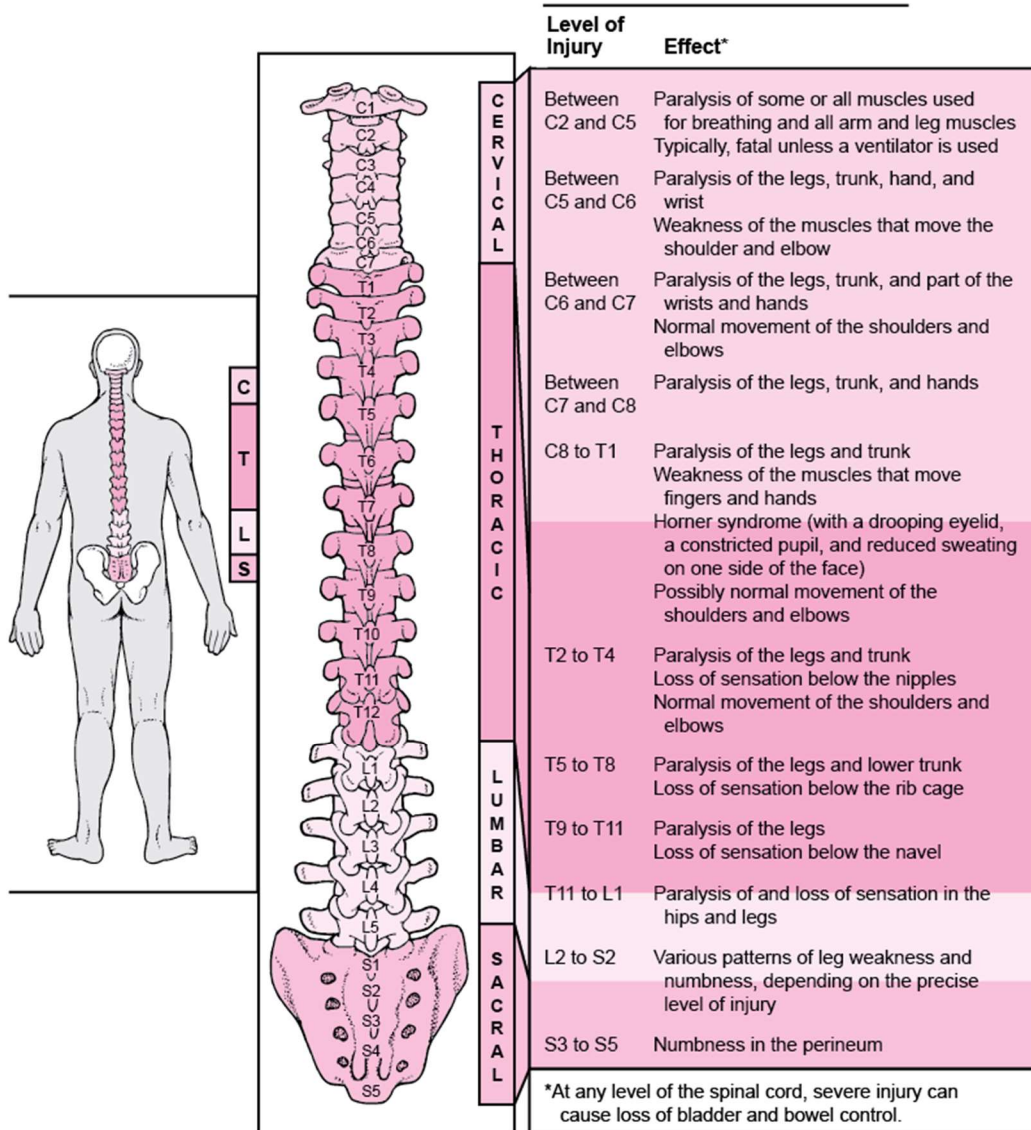
Neonatal Resuscitation Algorithm—2015 Update



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- Treatment for RDS usually begins as soon as a newborn is born, sometimes in the delivery room. Treatments for RDS include **surfactant replacement therapy**, breathing support from a ventilator or nasal continuous positive airway pressure (NCPAP) machine, or other supportive treatments.
 - Grunting with every breath is never normal. Grunting at the end of every breath could be a sign of respiratory distress.
- PH<7.2, CO₂>55, PaO₂<60, **needs to be intubated only need one.**

- Prokinetics — Both erythromycin and metoclopramide have been studied in patients with acute upper GI bleeding. The goal of using a prokinetic agent is to improve gastric visualization at the time of endoscopy by clearing the stomach of blood, clots, and food residue
 - Octreotide is frequently used in the ED for patients with a history of cirrhosis who present with a moderate or severe upper GI bleed presumed to be from a variceal source. Octreotide inhibits the release of glucagon, which is a splanchnic vasodilator.
 - For stress-ulcer prophylaxis in critically ill adults, histamine H2-receptor antagonists (H2 blockers) are associated with a significantly lower risk of clinically important gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding than proton-pump inhibitors (PPIs), a recent study found.
- The mainstays of medical therapy in organophosphate (OP) poisoning include atropine, pralidoxime (2-PAM), and benzodiazepines (eg, diazepam). Initial management must focus on adequate use of atropine. Optimizing oxygenation prior to the use of atropine is recommended to minimize the potential for dysrhythmias. Much larger doses of atropine are often needed for OP pesticide poisoning than when atropine is used for other indications. In order to achieve adequate atropinization quickly, a doubling approach typically used, with escalation of doses from 2 mg, 4 mg, 8 mg, 16 mg

Effects of Spinal Injury

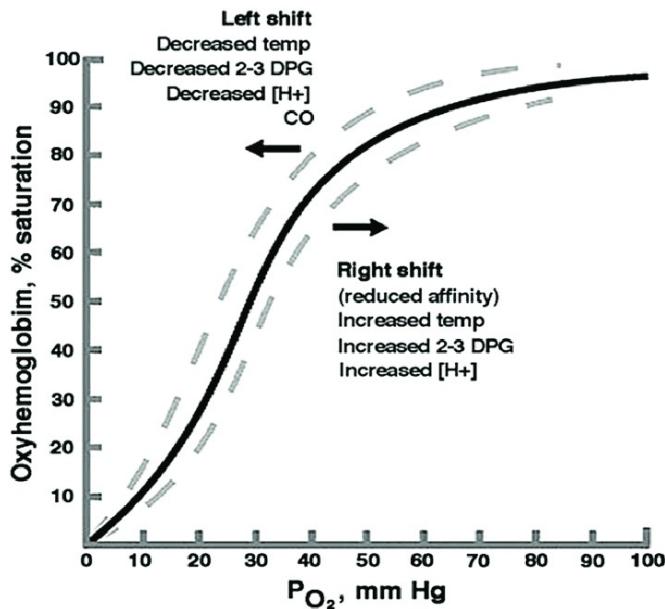


Level of Injury	Effect*
Between C2 and C5	Paralysis of some or all muscles used for breathing and all arm and leg muscles Typically, fatal unless a ventilator is used
Between C5 and C6	Paralysis of the legs, trunk, hand, and wrist Weakness of the muscles that move the shoulder and elbow
Between C6 and C7	Paralysis of the legs, trunk, and part of the wrists and hands Normal movement of the shoulders and elbows
Between C7 and C8	Paralysis of the legs, trunk, and hands
C8 to T1	Paralysis of the legs and trunk Weakness of the muscles that move fingers and hands Horner syndrome (with a drooping eyelid, a constricted pupil, and reduced sweating on one side of the face) Possibly normal movement of the shoulders and elbows
T2 to T4	Paralysis of the legs and trunk Loss of sensation below the nipples Normal movement of the shoulders and elbows
T5 to T8	Paralysis of the legs and lower trunk Loss of sensation below the rib cage
T9 to T11	Paralysis of the legs Loss of sensation below the navel
T11 to L1	Paralysis of and loss of sensation in the hips and legs
L2 to S2	Various patterns of leg weakness and numbness, depending on the precise level of injury
S3 to S5	Numbness in the perineum

*At any level of the spinal cord, severe injury can cause loss of bladder and bowel control.

- C2-C5

- For the purpose of this test, normal adult ICP is defined as 5 to 15 mm Hg (7.5–20 cm H₂O). ICP values of 20 to 30 mm Hg represent mild intracranial hypertension; however, when a temporal mass lesion is present, herniation can occur with ICP values less than 20 mm Hg



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- The transplanted heart will not be able to respond to drugs that act by blocking the parasympathetic system because these connections were severed during the transplant. Therefore, treating bradycardia would have to be done with agents such as isoproterenol, glucagon, epinephrine, norepinephrine (drugs that have a direct effect on the heart). Isoproterenol is most commonly used for increasing heart rate in cardiac transplant recipients. Epinephrine/Norepinephrine may have exaggerated beta mimetic effects on the heart rate because the increase in blood pressure will not lead to a reflex slowing of the heart rate via the baroreceptor reflex (i.e., efferent vagus nerve). Implanted mechanical pacemakers work normally in heart transplant recipients since the cardiac leads are placed directly into myocardium.
 - In the perioperative period, bradycardia should be managed with temporary pacing to maintain heart rates higher than 90 per minute. Alternatively, isoproterenol, theophylline, or terbutaline can be used to maintain heart rate while awaiting return of normal sinus node function.
 - Phenylephrine can affect cardiac output in several ways:
 1. Reflex bradycardia: Increased blood pressure may trigger the carotid baroreflex, causing a decreased heart rate which reduces cardiac output.
 2. Venoconstriction: Constriction of veins increases venous return (i.e. the preload), potentially increasing cardiac output.
 3. Arterial constriction: Constriction of systemic arteries increases the systemic vascular resistance (i.e. the afterload), potentially reducing cardiac output.
- Rhabdomyolysis is the breakdown of muscle tissue that leads to the release of muscle fiber contents into the blood. These substances are harmful to the kidney and often cause kidney damage.

- Transposition of the great arteries is a serious but rare heart defect present at birth (congenital), in which the two main arteries leaving the heart are reversed (transposed). The condition is also called dextro-transposition of the great arteries. A rarer type of this condition is called levo-transposition of the great arteries.
 - A medicine called prostaglandin E1. This is used to keep the ductus arteriosus open. This allows blood to flow through the heart until surgery can be done.

- persistent pulmonary hypertension (PPHN) in the newborn: newborn's circulation continues to flow as it did while in the womb.
 - Symptoms can occur a bit differently in each child.
 1. Looks sick at birth or in the first hours after birth
 2. Lips and skin look blue (cyanosis)
 3. Fast breathing
 4. Fast heart rate
 5. Low blood oxygen levels while getting 100% oxygen

- Prediction of massive bleeding use modified shock index, heart rate (HR) divided by systolic blood pressure (SBP) has been suggested as such a marker that can be used to predict the severity of hypovolemic shock.
 - hemodynamic stability. The accepted value of shock index ranges from 0.5 to 0.7.
 - SI value was 0.9 in patients with serious conditions. (this patient gets TXA)

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FP-C Exam: (Some of these may be the same question or may just be an option in a question. I just put what I could remember from memory. Some things may repeat. No guarantees. Hope it helps!)

- Know normal range for Lab Values. (CBC, Chem7, PT/PTT/INR, Magnesium, Calcium, and Cardiac markers - specifically CK)
- Know normal MAP, ICP, CPP, Cardiac Index, Cardiac Output, SVR, PVR, CVP/RAP, PA Pressure, and PAWP.
- Know Waveforms for Tocometers, IABP's, Swan Ganz (specifically RV, PA, and PAWP).
- Know **ABG** normal values and be able to interpret. (2 Questions: 1 Metabolic Alkalosis, 1 Respiratory Acidosis)
- Bring a calculator. H&R Block doesn't provide for you. Don't bring a cheap ass little one either. The last thing you need is a tiny dollar store calculator with microscopic buttons making you mess up your calculations and killing more time than necessary. Life lesson learned...
- Calculate **MAP**. (2 Questions, one to get MAP alone as an answer, one to calculate CPP) Pretty straight forward.
- Calculate **CPP**. (1 Question) Pretty straight forward.
- Calculate **FiO2 Adjustment**. (1 Question) Pt going from (P1) location on ____ FiO2 to (P2) location.
- **Newton's law**. Question: ____ is which law? (I think mine was Newton's 2nd Law) (1 Question)
- **Pediatric Fluid Resuscitation** – Scenario given. MVC I think... Question asks how much fluid to give and what type of fluid should it be. (1 Question)
- **Pediatric Maintenance Rate** - (1 Question)
- **2/3/4 Rule** – One question about ETT tube sizing. (16+age/4) This was either a direct question or the formula was used for chest tube/ett depth/foley size.
- **GCS** – (1 Question)
- **Osmolarity** – Know normal range (1 Question)

Note Regarding Burn Scenarios: (No specific formula requested to be used. I had to use 2, 3, and 4 ml/kg and pick the one that was closest. You can rule out answers that are grossly high or low amounts, I was able to narrow it down to about 2 answers.)

- **Adult with Burns** (Thermal and Electric) How much output is normal/expected/wanted for a PT (Kg provided) with Electric/Thermal Burns? (Apx. 2 Questions)
- **Adult with Burns** (Burns to posterior aspect of bilateral legs, Entire back, Back of neck, Posterior aspect of the head. I'm pretty sure that was the areas involved...) Asks for amount of fluid to be given over first 8 hours. (1 Specific Question)
- **Child with Burns** (Body Wt. and burned areas provided) Urine output per Foley Catheter; Question asks if fluid rate provided should be increased/decreased/etc. (1 Specific Question)
- **Child with Burns** - Question asks about fluid to be given over time or BSA involved. I forget... (1 Question)
- **IABP waveform** – Early Inflation (1 Specific Question) Pretty straight forward.
- Contraindications for **IABP** (aortic insufficiency, Recent spinal tap, Major abdominal surgery 1 month ago) (1 Question)
- How does the **IABP** help the heart? (Coronary perfusion/oxygen demand/workload/etc.) (1 Question)

- Know how to identify and treat: **Posterior MI** – Reciprocal Changes, R wave Progression. (I think the question has “poor R Wave progression” as an option, the provided 12 lead shows a very aggressive R wave progression. I believe the correct answer was just “Acute Posterior MI”) (1 Question) (1 Question)
- Know how to identify and treat: **Anterior MI** – Question relates to Cardiogenic Shock (1 Question) (Dobutamine)
- **Endocarditis** – Commonly occurs with IV drug use. (1 Question) Possible second question related to a patient having a fever with a new onset of a murmur.... (Maybe 2 Questions?)
- **Wedge Pressure** (PAWP) – What does it measure specifically? LVEDP (1 Question)
- **PVR/SVR** – What are normal values? What do they specifically measure? (2 Questions)
- **RV Waveform** – Waveform shown. Question is either where your catheter tip is, or it’s a question about what you do. (inflate with 1.5 cc air) (1 Question)
- **Overdamping v/s Underdamping** - Causes. (1 Question)
- **Aortic Dissection** – How would you treat? Labetalol then Nipride. (1 Question)
- **Aortic Dissection** – Pt presents with CP, “ripping/tearing” in nature all the way through to his back. What do you suspect? (1 Question)
- **Inferior MI** – Blockage located where? (1 Question) (May be included with “identify MI location” questions listed above)
- **Anterior MI** – Blockage located where? (1 Question) (May be included with “identify MI location” questions listed above)
- **Posterior MI** – Blockage located where? (1 Question) (May be included with “identify MI location” questions listed above)
- Know **upstream v/s downstream** problems and how their Swan Pressure values and CO/CI would reflect a given issue. Questions will provide readings and ask the type of shock or the condition that caused them. (1 – 3 Questions, not sure...) (Septic Shock, RV infarct, LV infarct?)
- **Hyperkalemia** – Know how it would present on a 12 lead. May be involved with a question about contraindications about SCh (SUX). May be also another separate question asking what the S/SX of Hyperkalemia are. (Possibly 1-2 Questions)
- **Heart Transplant** – Scenario: Patient with new heart transplant being transported to a higher level of care facility and decompensates on the way. What do you do? (Pacing) I think use of atropine is either an option in this question OR it is a separate question related to heart transplant patients. It may be worded like what would NOT be an appropriate treatment. (1-2 Possible Questions)
- **CXR R/T CHF v/s Graves disease** – Scenario: Pt presents with CHF symptoms, pulmonary edema, recent MI. S3 murmur. AMS. He has a history of Graves disease. They provide you with a chest film showing CHF (Butterfly pattern, Kerley B’s). They give you meds for various issues he could be dealing with. (1 Question) Possible second question related to BNP being elevated. Either it’s a question relating BNP to CHF or it is in with other signs of a patient with CHF.
- **PTCA PT** – Transporting a patient after a PTCA, expect to hang GP2B3A Inhibitors. (1 Question)
- **Epiglottitis** – Pediatric patient drooling, sudden onset, fever. What do you suspect? (1 Question)
- **Pericarditis** – Identify with Global ST elevation. Possible scenario dealing with dialysis patient. (1 Question)
- **Flight Stressors** – (Inherent v/s Self Imposed) Question similar to: Which of the following is not an inherent stressor of flight? (1 Question)

- **ATM Zones** – Question about physiologically deficient zone. (What MSL?) (1 Question)
- **ELT** – What G force activates? (4) (1 Specific Question)
- **ELT** – Frequency? (121.5) (1 Specific Question)
- **Weather Minimums** – Scenario: You have a call to a location just few minutes away (Local), pilot says conditions are 800 feet, 1 mile. Question: do you take the flight? Why? What rule does it involve? (FAR 91/135) (1 Specific Question)
- **FAR 91** - Applies to everyone. (General FAA Rule) (1 Question)
- **Weather** – Scenario: You are on your way to a scene involving an MVC and a significant trauma to a child 20 minutes away in marginal weather (baby will die/needs a trauma center/needs you to cric him and put in a chest tube blah blah blah). When you are 5 minutes away the weather gets shitty and your visibility decreases markedly. Question: What do you do? Turn around or keep going and save the baby? (1 Specific Question)
- **Sterile Cockpit** – Scenario: You are in a critical phase of flight (landing I think). Scenario states a hazard is noticed and the RN calls out (in this order) TOWER, 3 O'clock, HEIGHT (however tall it was, maybe 100 ft.?). You have a passenger from a news crew that says something like: OMG! That's our tower! We should make another loop to take some aerial shots! Question: who broke sterile cockpit? (Nurse, Passenger, Nurse and Passenger, or Nobody) (1 Specific Question)
- **Flight Following** – Scenario: You take off at ____ time to ____ location. Question: When do you call dispatch and check in/update your status. (1 Specific Question)
- **LZ** – Dispatched to a plant of some sort with explosion/fire/smoke/chemicals/chaos/whatever, Incident command has set up NW of the building. Steady wind noted from the east. IC wants you to land at a secured LZ NW of the building (where they are). Question asks: Where do you land? The LZ beside them, on a stretch of abandoned highway to the East of the building, somewhere to the South, or right up on the building. (1 Specific Question)
- **LZ** – Pretty sure I had a question about LZ Requirements. Not sure if it was about maintaining communication with the ground or if it was related to the size of the LZ itself. (1 Question)
- **TUC** – Scenario: Decompression at 41k ft. What is your TUC? (1 Specific Question)
- **Pre-Crash** – Scenario: The patient asks in a pre-crash setting what the **PILOT** would be responsible to do. Options include stuff YOU would do to prepare to crash. (Manually Activate ELT) (1 Specific Question)
- **Post-Crash** – (Find Shelter) Scenario: You crash in the mountains, its cold and snowing, you are the only survivor. Question asks about what your priorities are. (1 Specific Question)
- **Post-Crash** – Scenario: You just had a crash, Pilot says to immediately egress. What do you do? (Check on crew then get out, check on patient, gather survival equipment then get out.) (1 Specific Question)
- **Post-Crash** – Scenario: You just crashed, what do you turn off first? (**Throttle**, Fuel, Battery, Oxygen) (1 Specific Question)
- **Barobarotrauma** – What patients should you pre-oxygenate? (1 Question)
- What gas law applies to **A.G.E.**? (1 Question)
- What gas law applies to **Pneumocephalus**? (1 Question)
- What gas law applies to **Decompression sickness**? (1 Question)
- **A.G.E.** – Hyperbaric chamber treatment needed. (1 Question)

- **Hypoxic Hypoxia** – Scenario: Patient being transported, at altitude hypoxic hypoxia occurs. Why? (Decreased FiO₂ with increase in altitude v/s Decreased partial Pressure of alveolar oxygen) (1 Specific Question)
- **Stagnant Hypoxia** – Question related to stagnant hypoxia. I forget if it was G force related or cardiogenic shock related. Scenario given with a patient in a situation where this would occur and you are asked they type of hypoxia involved. Know what causes stagnant hypoxia I guess. (1 Question)
- **Altitude Effects** – Every 1000 ft. up / down 2 Celsius. (This was either a simple question or it was involved in an unrelated question. Just listing because I came across it regarding something...) (Possible Question)
- **Histotoxic Hypoxia** – This may or may not be a question, it's definitely an option on several hypoxia questions though. I'm thinking it was related to a CO or Cyanide issue in a patient scenario though.
- **Barosinusitis** – Question R/T what gas law was the cause. (1 Question)
- **Scenario** – You intubate a difficult airway patient during flight, blood in airway, unable to see tube pass cords. Can't hear breath sounds R/T Aircraft noise. ETCO₂ shows a boxed waveform. What your next action? (Secure tube; pull tube and reintubate; leave tube in place as it is in the stomach for a makeshift OG tube/placeholder and reintubate) (1 Question)
- **Uniform** – Flame retardant clothing able to pull ¼" away from body. (1 Question)
- **Diving** – Question: A diver at 66 ft. is experiencing how may ATM of pressure? (1 Question)
- **Diving** – Know ground transport preferred for diving injuries/decompression sickness. (1 Question)
- Question: Scenario about 2 patients. One going from a low altitude to a high altitude and the other going from a high altitude to a low altitude. Which patient would feel the effects more or something like that. I think neither because both are being transported in a fixed wing. I think I chose the low to high patient. Not sure if I was right though. (1 Specific Question)
- **Wet Drowning** – Child Wet drowning patient. Fluid noted in lungs. Treatment? (1 Question)
- **Asthma** – Change I:E to 1:4 (1 Question)
- **Asthma** – Treat a “shark fin” waveform. Question doesn't provide an actual waveform, only a description. Question relates to medication classes to treat. (1 Specific Question)
- **Cheyne Stokes Respirations** – Pattern associated with what type of posturing? (Decorticate) (1 Question) This could be two questions actually. I think there may have been a question relating this pattern to increased ICP as well. (Possible 2 questions?)
- **AC Vent Mode** – Know this mode leads to breath-stacking and auto peep. (1 Question)
- **SIMV** – (1 Question)
- **RAD (Hyaline Membrane Disease)** – Question: How would you treat/what medications are used? (1 Question)
- **Vent Settings** – Scenario given in relation to pediatric patient that's intubated and on the vent. I don't remember much except PIP- 60 (ish... it was high), PEEP- 0, F- 18, and a Vt without a given weight. The Question asks what you would adjust on the vent. (1 Question)
- **Vent Settings** – Reasons for a Low Pressure alarm. (DOPE) (1 Question)
- **Intubation Indications** – Pt scenario given, ABG's provided. Several point to the need to intubate. (I think it was PH and PaCO₂) (1 Question)
- **Hypercarbic Respiratory Failure** – Increase Vt, then rate. (1 Question)

- **Curare Cleft** – What does this indicate? (1 Question) This may be part of a question related to what do you do for a patient that has an increased HR, BP, and curare cleft ticks while sedated and paralyzed? (resedate/reparalyze) (Possible 2 Questions?)
- **Reactive Airway Disease (Hyaline Membrane Disease)** – Treat with surfactant (1 Question)
- **Magnesium Sulfate** – Know mechanism of action related to Eclampsia (1 Question)
- Know contraindications for **Etomidate** (I think the question involves a sepsis presentation or an Addison's Disease patient presentation) (1 Question)
- Know contraindications for **Succinylcholine** (1 Question)
- Know contraindications for **Fibrinolytics** (1 Question)
- What type of insulin do you use to make an **insulin drip**? (short acting, long acting, R v/s N) (1 Question)
- **PGE1** – Keep PDA open (1 Question)
- **Indocin** – Close PDA (1 Question)
- **Surfactant** – Use for preterm Infants (1 Question)
- **Ketamine** – Use for Asthmatic patients r/t RSI (1 Question)
- **Mannitol** – Question R/T Brainstem herniation. I actually think this had a dose involved. (1 Question)
- Antidote for EPS r/t **Phenergan**? (Benadryl) (1 Question)
- **Octreotide (Sandostatin)** – Use for Esophageal Varices. (1 Specific Question)
- **ASA** – Contraindications. (I think patient scenario involved with thyroid storm presentation) (1 Question) Possible second question relating to tinnitus as a sign of Overdose.
- **Nipride** – Cyanide Tox Risk. (1 Question)
- **Rhogam** – When do you give it? (I think the patient scenario is a female in an MVC pregnant with her second child) (1 Specific Question)
- **Dantrium** – Used to treat MH. (1 Question)
- **Lactulose** – To remove ammonia R/T Liver failure (1 Question)
- **Demerol** – Drug of choice for pancreatitis. (No sphincter of Oddi spasm) (1 Question)
- **Tet Spells** – Sudden cyanosis and syncope. Scenario presents a child with symptoms and asks what condition you suspect. (1 Question)
- **Scorpion Sting** – Dispatched to Child stung by scorpion. Tachycardia, Tachypnea, Excessive drooling/oral secretions, currently controlling own airway. Question asks about treatment: Suction/Intubation, Meds to give + dosages. (1 Specific Question)
- **Overdose** – Pt (homeless) found supine, dilated pupils, sweating, Incontinent, increased salivation. Question asks what drug would be the cause. (Jimson Weed, Benzo, Opiate, Ecstasy) (1 Specific Question)
- **Overdose** – Pt arguing with husband, took a bottle of Elavil and drank a fifth of vodka. Question asks what treatment you would give. (Medicine) (TCA Overdose) (1 Specific Question)
- **TCA Overdose** – Know S/SX of TCA overdose. (1 Question)
- **Overdose** – Pt overdose on Dilantin. (SVT possibly involved) Question relates to medication to treat resulting DI. (1 Specific Question)
- **Overdose** – Pt overdose on Digoxin. Question relates to Medication/Presentation/Treatment. (1 Question)
- **Septic Shock** – Treat with Levophed (1 Question)

- **Cyanide** – Scenario: Synthetic fiber plant on fire and stuff. Patient found on scene, aside from carbon monoxide, what are your other concerns? Possibly a second question related to treatment. (what medications used and what dose) (1-2 Questions)
- **Child Abuse** – Child to ER with various abuse findings; i.e. bulging fontanel. (Shaken Baby Syndrome) (1 Question)
- **Organophosphate Toxicity** – Scenario: Patient found at a farm (Classic) with obvious S/SX. I think the question asks about the doses of Atropine/2-Pam. (1 Specific Question)
- **Hyperthermia**- Know Treatment. (1 Question)
- **Thermoregulatory problems** – Know what patients are susceptible to thermoregulatory problems. Not sure if this is a question about DAI or head injuries alone. The question may be worded as “Which of the following patients would not be susceptible to thermoregulatory problems?” (1 Question)
- **Hypothermia** – Question: What stage would the patient take their clothes off? (AMS + undressing) (Mild, Mod, Profound, Severe?) (1 Question)
- **DKA** – Kussmaul’s respirations. Know Treatment. Scenario identifies DM Type I, + ketones, and Sugar of Apx 400. 20’s Female patient. (Possible 2 Questions?)
- **DI** – Treatment? (Fluids) (1 Question)
- **DI** - Scenario with a poly UDP (uria, dyspsia, phagia), normal sugar, negative ketones, identify and treat. (DDAVP) (1 Question)
- **HHNK** – Scenario: patient presents with DM Type II, ketones and a sugar over 1000.
- **SIADH** – Pretty sure I had a question R/T Sodium level being low with this... (1 Question)
- **Pancreatitis** – Grey-Turners sign (1 Question)
- **Pancreatitis** – Leads to ARDS (1 Question)
- **N.A.V.E.L.** – Question: What is the location of the femoral vein r/t the femoral artery? (1 Question)
- **Rhabdo** – Know color of urine (tea)/reason behind urine color/Strain placed on kidneys. Not sure which was involved. CK elevation is included in scenario. (1 Question)
- **Rhabdo** – Know treatment. (1 Question)
- **Arterial Occlusion** – Cold, Pale, no pulse. (1 Question)
- **DVT** – Warm, red, Swollen Leg. (1 Question)
- **Electrical Injury** – Question related to what causes urine color to change. It’s either electrical or a Rhabdo type question. (Myoglobin) (1 Question)
- **Malignant Hyperthermia** – There was a question about a patient that was given SCh (SUX) and develops MH symptoms (Inc. ETCO₂, Tachycardia, Inc. Temp, etc.) It asked what you would do for the patient. Medications not an option though on this particular question. One of the options was to hyperventilate the patient. (1 Question)
- **Magnesium Toxicity** – Know antidote. DTR’s given in scenario. Initial +2, change to 0 (absent) (1 Question)
- **Hypocalcemia** – Trousseau’s sign. Know antidote. (1 Question)
- **Accidental Ingestion** – Pediatric patient. Unknown substance. Know treatment. (Options don’t include meds I don’t think. They had stuff like Ipecac, gastric lavage, charcoal, and something else... IV ETOH? I think it was a three hour time frame after ingestion) (1 Question)
- **Pediatric Bradycardia/Arrest** – Commonly secondary to hypoxia. (1 Question)

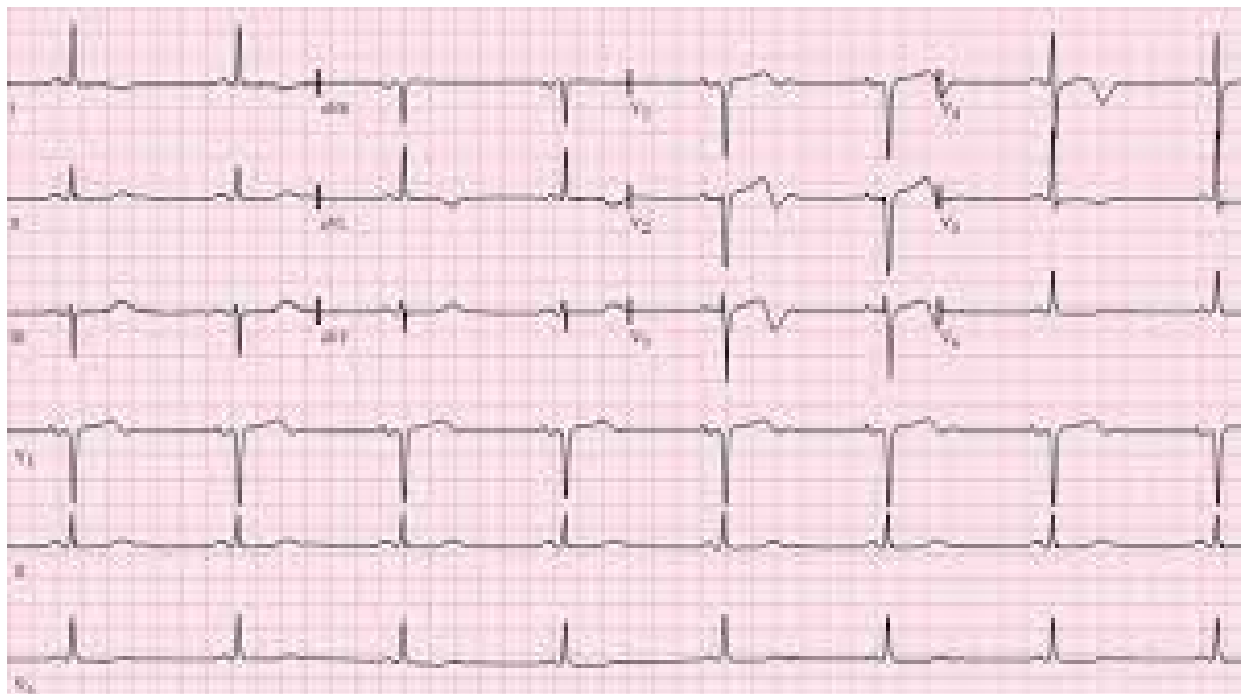
- **Anion Gap Acidosis** – Know how to identify on labs and how to treat. This might be the accidental overdose question. Treatment option was IV ETOH. I think the kid drank antifreeze. Just my guess, IDFK. (1 Question)
- **Beta Blocker Overdose** – Know Antidote. (1 Question)
- Scenario with a patient drinking gasoline. Tube and don't let him puke. (1 Question)
- **Head CT** – Identify what type of bleed based on provided CT image. **Epidural?** (1 Question)
- **Subarachnoid Bleed** – Know treatment (Medication) (1 Question)
- **Epidural Bleed** – Know treatment (Medication) (1 Question)
- **Subtle Seizures** – Infant patient: I forget if the question asks what seizures are common, or if it gives lip smacking, tongue thrusting, drop in SpO2, eye fluttering, etc., and asks what type of seizure it would be. Know what they look like and what they are. (1 Question)
- **Dermatomes** – Question: Patient with certain sensory deficits at ____ location but not ____ location. What is the likely location of injury? (I think I answered T-10?) (1 Question)
- **Seizures** – Commonly related to low CBG with newborns, infants, PID babies, etc. (1 Question)
- **ETCO2/PaCO2** – Ideal level related to brainstem herniation? (1 Question)
- **ICP transducer** – Know location of placement. (Foramen of Monro) (1 Question)
- **Cushing's Triad** – (1 Question)
- **Brown Sequard** – (1 Question)
- **Autonomic Dysreflexia** – Foley catheter treatment (1 Question)
- **MMA** – MMA injury R/T lineal fracture. Scenario involves trauma to the side of the head and neuro signs pointing toward epidural bleeds. (lucid interval) (1 Question)
- **IMA** – IMA R/T Hemothorax. (1 Question)
- **Trauma Triad** – Know Waddel's triad. Question lists four injuries and asks which isn't a part of the triad. (1 Question)
- **Becks Triad** - (1 Question)
- **Diaphragmatic Hernia** – Transporting a teenager stabbed in the chest. How do you treat? (1 Question)
- **Pericardiocentesis** – Know treatment related to cardiac tamponade. Question: Teenager involved in MVA, ejected, blunt trauma to chest. Patient arrests. What action would you perform? (1 Question)
- **Chest Tube** – Location for procedure? (1 Question)
- **Chest tube** – Scenario: Transporting patient, chest tube accidentally ripped out. Pt now complaining of SOB. Why? (Hemothorax secondary to new bleeding, Pneumothorax, Blood pushing on organs?) (1 Question)
- **T-12 – L-1** – Most common back injury. (1 Question)
- Scenario: Pt with leg stuck between a forklift and a barrel of some sort. Initially fine, now swollen and painful. (Crush syndrome? / **Compartment Syndrome?**) (1 Question)
- Scenario: **MVC**. Fat woman trapped in driver seat of car. First responders and ground crews unable to establish IV access because of the entrapment. Apparently she's really fat... She's not breathing that great. RR was like 8 or so I think. Question asks what you would do. Various options about forward facing intubation, IV access and RSI, Cric, Etc.
- Know **signs of imminent delivery**. Question: Transporting pregnant mother, water breaks, contractions 3 minutes apart with increasing severity, urge to push, 80% effaced, 6 cm dilated. What do you do? (Prepare to deliver baby.) (1 Question)

- **Variable Decelerations** – Related to what? (1 Question)
- **Accelerations** – Questions: Pregnant mother, Accelerations described, no waveform provided. What action do you take? I think continue to monitor patient is an option? (1 Question)
- **Late Decelerations** – Related to what? (Hypoxia, PIH, Eclampsia, etc.) (1 Question)
- **Magnesium** – seizure prevention. (Know Dose) (1 Question)
- **PROM** – Steroids to stimulate lung maturity. Possibly involved in Rhogam question. (mother in MVA I mentioned earlier)
- Question asking why Infants/Peds lose heat faster than adults. (Large BSA to Mass index ratio) (1 Question)

That's all I remember. Good Luck!



- Wellen's syndrome, also called LAD coronary syndrome or widow maker

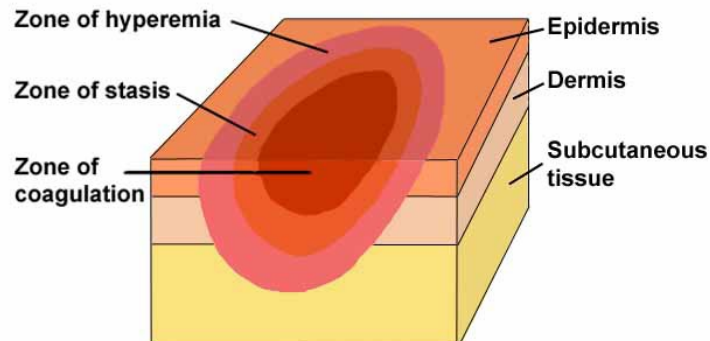


- Duodenal atresia is a congenital condition where the duodenum is narrowed or blocked.





- Side Effects of Relaxin are Fatigue, Dizziness, Nausea, Dryness in mouth, Tremors, Heartburn, Vomiting, Abdominal pain, Constipation, Loss of appetite, Depression, Headache, Abdominal discomfort, Sleep disturbance, Increased sweating, Restlessness, Nervousness, Flatulence, Diarrhea. **May cause aspiration.**
- Relaxin is a **reproductive hormone produced by your ovaries and the placenta**. It loosens and relaxes your muscles, joints and ligaments
- Crash Airway Algorithm indications: respiratory failure (hypoxic or hypercapnic), apnea, a reduced level of consciousness (sometimes stated as GCS less than or equal to 8), rapid change of mental status, airway injury or impending airway compromise, high risk for aspiration, or trauma
- Zone of hyperaemia – this outer zone comprises an d area with increased perfusion and will recover unless there is an additional insult.
- Zone of stasis – this surrounding zone has decreased tissue perfusion and is a penumbra of potentially salvageable tissue.
- Zone of coagulation – this is the primary site of injury and the site of maximum damage. This zone comprises irreversible tissue loss due to exposure to heat, electricity and/or chemicals.



- According to the AHA scientific statement, if LVAD is non-functioning or LVAD functioning with mean arterial pressure < 50mmHg or EtCO2 < 20 mmHg, chest compression are recommended, though safety and efficacy of chest compression is not established.



- Succinylcholine should be avoided because it is degraded by plasma cholinesterase and may result in prolonged paralysis. In addition to atropine, pralidoxime (2-PAM) and benzodiazepines (eg, diazepam) are mainstays of medical therapy.
- no detrimental effects on the cardiac conduction system have been seen with Cardene I.V. During acute electrophysiologic studies, it increased heart rate and prolonged the corrected QT interval to a minor degree.
- Osmolality increases when you are dehydrated and decreases when you have too much fluid in your blood. Your body has a unique way to control osmolality. When osmolality increases, it triggers your body to make antidiuretic hormone (ADH).
- The serum osmolality is very high in HHS. Levels between 320 to 400mOsm/kg are very common in HHS. Normal serum osmolality is around 280 -290 mOsm/kg. Higher serum osmolality is associated with alteration in the level of consciousness and might eventually lead to a coma. (Think ETOH)
- What should be monitor after pituitary surgery? Your endocrinologist will monitor your sodium and hormone levels in the weeks after surgery. **Hyponatremia** is a common complication after transsphenoidal surgery (TSS) for pituitary adenomas.
- Multiple studies have revealed a higher rate of gallstone formation and biliary sludge in patients performing bariatric procedures compared to the normal population, with incidence rates ranging between 10% and 28% for gallstones or biliary sludge
- What is the medical management of central cord syndrome? Nonsurgical treatment consists of immobilization of the neck with a rigid cervical collar and rehabilitation with physical and occupational therapy. Acute surgical intervention is not usually necessary, unless there is significant spinal cord compression. **Dexamethasone** may be beneficial for patients with metastatic spinal cord compression to reduce inflammation and prevent further neurologic damage until definitive treatment can be initiated.
- There are 2 main **types of diabetes insipidus**: cranial diabetes insipidus; nephrogenic diabetes insipidus.
- Cranial diabetes insipidus occurs when there's not enough AVP in the body to regulate urine production. Cranial diabetes insipidus is the most



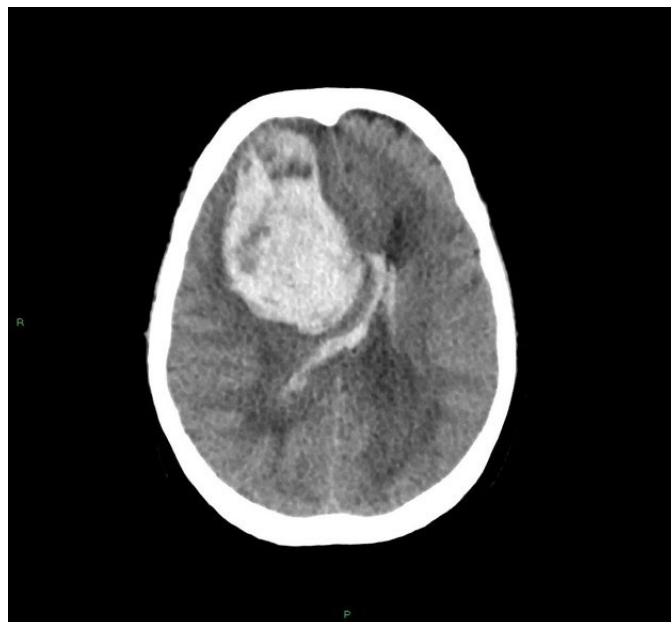
common type of diabetes insipidus. It can be caused by damage to the hypothalamus or pituitary gland – for example, after an infection, operation, brain tumor or head injury.

- Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus occurs when there's enough AVP in the body but the kidneys fail to respond to it. It can be caused by kidney damage or, in some cases, inherited as a problem on its own.
- You may have anemia during pregnancy if a complete blood count (CBC) shows that your red blood cells, which carry oxygen through your body, are low.
- Cobras belong to the sub-group of snakes known as elapids; there are over 270 species of cobras and their relatives. An elapid's venom contains postsynaptic neurotoxins that spread rapidly in its victim's bloodstream, causing respiratory failure and, eventually, death.
- Loosely dress and bandage the area and position the affected extremity, preferably above the level of the heart. This prevents the venom from accumulating in the extremity and reduces hydrostatic pressure that may exacerbate tissue swelling and cause increased pain. Calling Poison Control can get you in touch with an expert, which is recommended for all envenomation's. Follow your local protocol, but in a pinch, calling 1-800-222-1222 will be very beneficial.
- There are three main steps of cellular respiration: glycolysis; the citric acid (TCA) or the Krebs cycle; and the electron transport chain,
- Dressler syndrome is inflammation of the sac surrounding the heart (pericarditis). It's believed to occur as the result of the immune system responding to damage to heart tissue or damage to the sac around the heart (pericardium). usually occurs 1–8 weeks after MI. The clinical features consist of pleuritic-type chest pain, pericardial friction rub, fever, malaise, leukocytosis, elevated erythrocyte sedimentation rate, and pericardial effusion.



Ultrasonography

- Sliding lung sign: Absence of shimmering as parietal and visceral lung pleura slide past each other Pneumothorax
- There are four peripheral signs of endocarditis: Roth spots, Osler nodes, Janeway lesions, and splinter hemorrhages. The Swiss pathologist Moritz Roth first described these eponymous spots (ultrasound)
- Other Ultrasound Assessment
- Intraparenchymal hemorrhage is bleeding into the brain parenchyma proper.





- pneumomediastinum x ray

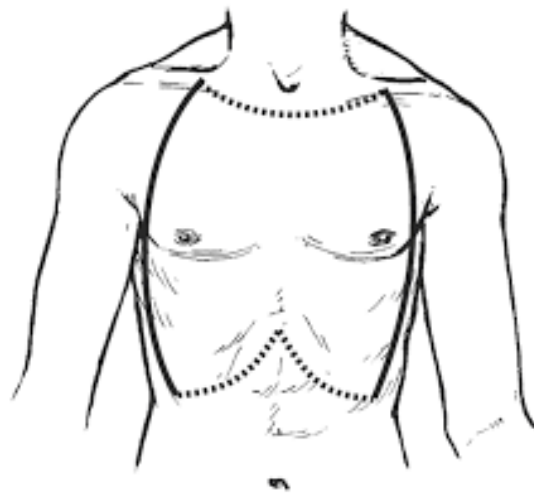


- Hypokalemic paralysis is one of the common causes of acute flaccid paralysis that is characterized by muscle weakness due to low serum potassium levels.
- The most common types of abdominal hernias are inguinal (groin) hernias, hiatal (diaphragm) hernias and umbilical (belly button) hernias. An inguinal hernia is the most common of the abdominal hernias and occurs when a portion of the bowel protrudes out through an opening in the abdominal muscles into the groin.
- Steroid myopathy is usually an insidious disease process that causes weakness mainly to the proximal muscles of the upper and lower limbs and to the neck flexors. They can induce or aggravate acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease, and glomerular toxicity.



- chest escharotomy landmarks. bilateral longitudinal incisions in both anterior– axillary lines from the clavicles to the costal margins. A box pattern that includes bilateral longitudinal lines in the anterior–axillary lines connected by transverse incisions in both the superior and inferior anterior chest walls.

Figure 1. Suggested incision locations for chest escharotomy.



- People with Marfan syndrome must be closely followed by their doctor to watch for the following complications: Heart disease, including aortic aneurysms and problems with heart valves.
- Impella suction alarms are common and are caused by device malposition, hypovolemia, RV failure, pericardial tamponade, and/or LV recovery.
- Transportation Risk Assessment (TRA) is an essential aspect of risk management. TRA manages transportation risks by considering hazards, routes, and impacts. This promotes the identification of major contributors to the risk and thus strategies for risk reduction.
- Nitroprusside is used predominantly to treat hypertensive emergencies, such as to lower blood pressure during acute aortic dissection or to improve cardiac output in severe congestive heart failure. Nitroprusside is unstable and must be administered intravenously with careful monitoring.
- If the coarctation of the aorta is severe, the heart might not be able to pump enough blood to the other organs. This can cause heart damage. It may lead to kidney failure or other organ failure. Complications are also possible after treatment for coarctation of the aorta.



CPAP

Potential Complications – Clinical

- Pneumothorax
- Decreased cardiac output
- Gastric distension
- Mucus plugging
- Secretion build up inside mask
- Oral and Nasal dryness
- Eye irritation from air leak
- Nasal congestion
- Aspiration
- Abdominal distension
- Pressure areas from mask, tubing and strapping
- Pressure areas from nasogastric tubing

Potential Complications - Mechanical

- Inadequate ventilation (ie: hypoxaemia, hypercapnoea)
 - Overventilation (ie. hypocapnoea)
 - Mechanical failure of ventilation delivery device
 - Mechanical failure of humidification device
 - Non 'synchronisation' with device
 - Interface leak, damage and misfit
 - Circuit leak and damage
 - Inadequate humidification
 - Change in FiO₂ related to leak or change in minute volume
- DRN

CAMTS Ground Standers

- The ambulance must be able to fully perform at ambient temperatures minus 30 degrees (-1C) to 122 degrees F (50C).
- Inside of the surface vehicle must be capable of maintaining temperature ranges to prevent adverse effects on the patient and crew.
- The temperature must be between 68 degrees F (20C) and 78 degrees F (25.5C) (see KKK reference).
- Ground Air Medical Quality Transport (GAMUT™) Quality Improvement Collaborative is a data analytics platform for medical transport programs to track, report, and evaluate their performance on transport-specific quality metrics.



Pulmonary Contusion

- On auscultation, patient may have rales and decreased breath sounds in severe contusion. There may be wheezing, coughing, bronchorrhea and blood streaked sputum in up to half of cases. There may be hypotension and reduced cardiac output.

Hypothermia

- The Wilderness Medical Society's Clinical Practice Guidelines recommend administering ACLS medications at twice the normal intervals in patients with core temperatures less than 35°C (95°F) and withholding them entirely if the core body temperature is less than 30°C (86°F).
- All three factors (hypothermia, acidosis, and coagulopathy) continue to contribute to one another, as the patient becomes more acidotic, more hypothermic, and less able to form clots, thereby bleeding even more. Without treatment, the patient will die.

Brain Herniation

- Intubate the patient and place the patient on a mechanical ventilator. Hyperventilate the patient to maintain Co₂ levels of 25 to 35 mm Hg.
- Administer mannitol or an equivalent osmotic diuretic.
- Consider administering corticosteroids such as dexamethasone, especially in the case of a brain tumor.
- Provide rapid transport to a neurosurgical facility.

Milrinone

- Phosphodiesterase-3 enzyme inhibitor
- Used as an inotropic agent for patients in cardiogenic shock or advanced stages of heart failure
- Used in patients with heart failure who fail to respond to dobutamine, patients with end-stage heart failure who are not candidates for heart transplantation or cardiac assist devices, and patients with postoperative pulmonary hypertension
- Milrinone infusions are initiated at 0.125 to 0.75 µg/kg/min.
- The onset of action for milrinone is 5 to 15 minutes, and it has a half-life of 2.3–2.4 hours.
- In patients with renal failure, the half-life may be as long as 20 hours.
- Major side effects include hypotension and arrhythmias (usually ventricular).

Sodium nitroprusside

- Arterial and venous dilator
- Its vasodilating effects result from its breakdown to nitric oxide, which acts directly on vascular smooth muscle.
- Used to treat acute hypertension and acute decompensated heart failure; its therapeutic effects are seen within 2 minutes.
- In patients with severe heart failure, nitroprusside can act to increase cardiac output.



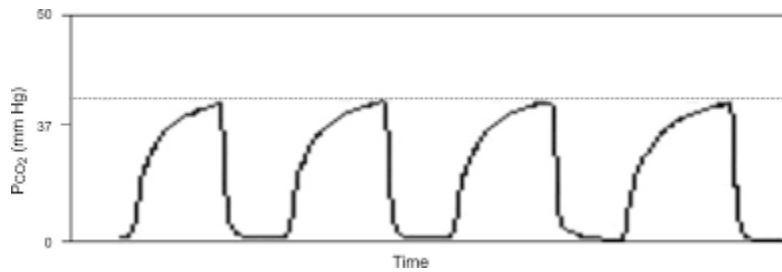
- Initial dosing is started at 0.25 to 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$ and titrated in increments of 0.5 to 1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$ every 3 to 5 minutes.
- The usual dose range is 0.25 to 3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$ to a maximum of 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$.
- Hypotensive effects have a short duration, lasting only 1 to 10 minutes.
- Common adverse effects include hypotension, reflex tachyarrhythmias, cyanide toxicity, and methemoglobinemia.
- Relatively unstable; prepared solutions should be wrapped with aluminum foil to protect them from light, which accelerates their decomposition.

Nicardipine

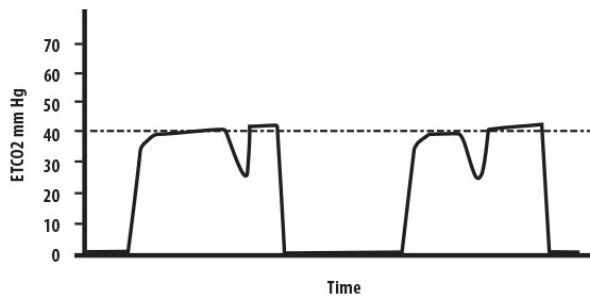
- A calcium channel blocker
- Used for short-term treatment of hypertension in patients who are unable to take oral medications
- Effects are more selective for vascular smooth muscle than for cardiac muscle.
- Produces significant decreases in systemic vascular resistance, leading to a resultant decrease in blood pressure
- Infusions are irritating to peripheral veins and should be administered in a central line or large peripheral vessel.
- Infusions are initiated at 5 mg/h and titrated every 15 minutes in increments of 2.5 mg/h.
- If rapid control of blood pressure is desired, titration every 5 minutes is recommended.
- The maximum recommended dosing is 15 mg/h.
- Side effects include peripheral access site pain and irritation, and infrequently tachycardia, flushing, pedal edema, and headache.
- Use in combination with fentanyl has been reported to exacerbate hypotension.

How to Handle Conflict in the Workplace

- Talk with the other person. ...
- Focus on behavior and events, not on personalities. ...
- Listen carefully. ...
- Identify points of agreement and disagreement. ...
- Prioritize the areas of conflict. ...
- Develop a plan to work on each conflict. ...
- Follow through on your plan. ...
- Build on your success.



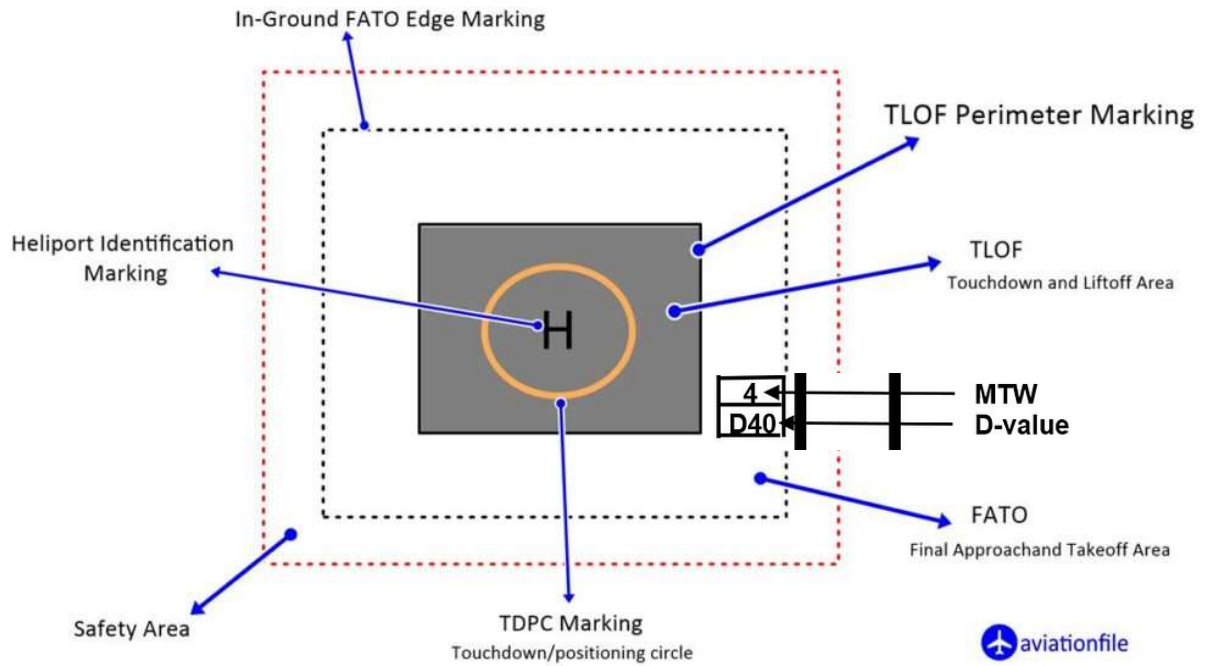
- During bronchospasm, the normally rectangular capnography waveform will have a slurred upstroke, or “shark fin” appearance.



- Curare Cleft
- Small *divots* are seen in the etCO2 pattern.
- These occur synchronously with patient effort.
- At the most basic level, these reveal that the patient isn't paralyzed.
- Notches occurring during expiration represent “missed triggers”: the patient is *trying* to trigger another breath but failing to do so. This may be a sign of autoPEEP or an incorrectly set trigger sensitivity. Notches can also be a sign of flow starvation if the ventilator is set in a volume-cycled mode.
- Give sedation

This surface is a horizontal plane equal to the elevation of the established heliport elevation. The Primary Surface is further broken down into three distinct regions. These are, the 'Touch-down and Lift-off' (TLOF) area, the 'Final Approach and Takeoff' (FATO) area and the 'Safety Area'.

Basic Heliport Design - General Aviation



Pre- and post-flight inspection checklist

COMPONENT	INSPECT FOR:
Helmet Shell	Cracks, holes, warping. Cleanliness.
Energy-Absorbing Liner	Worn or loose hook fasteners. Gouges, cracks, indentations.
Thermo-Plastic Liner (TPL)	Tom or damaged areas. Loose bond at edges. Worn cover.
Earcup Assembly	Cracked cup, broken or missing tab, tom earseal, worn earphone holder or spacer pad, or failed earphone. Cleanliness.
Retention Assembly (including nape strap and chinstrap)	Frayed or tom fabric, loose stitching, corroded or bent buckles or snap. Cleanliness.
Microphone, Boom, Cord, Swivel Assembly	Failed microphone; damaged or worn swivel or boom; damaged cord.
Communications Cord	Cuts, cracks, deteriorated insulation, general damage.
Visor Assembly	Cracks, scratches, loose knobs. Cleanliness.

Table 1

Users are responsible for ensuring that their helmet is clean and that all components are working properly. Periodic (scheduled) inspections should be conducted at a minimum of annually or as required by a properly trained person.



Additional Information After Taking the FP-C in September 2024

After completing the FP-C exam in September 2024, I wanted to share some additional insights that may help you in your preparation. This information is meant to complement the extensive materials you've already studied and will serve to further solidify your understanding of key concepts.

While this new information is valuable, it is important to remember that success on the FP-C is not based solely on any one piece of knowledge. Rather, it's the combination of comprehensive study, practical experience, and a deep understanding of critical care principles that will increase your chances of passing the exam. Integrating this additional information into your overall preparation plan will help you be better equipped to tackle the challenges of the FP-C and excel in your career.

Stay focused, continue your hard work, and trust that this added knowledge, combined with your solid foundation, will guide you to success.

The anatomic landmark that separates upper and lower bleeds is the ligament of Treitz, also known as the suspensory ligament of the duodenum. This peritoneal structure suspends the duodenojejunal flexure from the retroperitoneum.

Pilot Questions

If not exceeded by applicable national AHJ regulations, the pilot in command must possess 2,000 total flight hours (or total flight hours of at least 1,500 hours and recent experience that exceeds the operator's pre-hire qualifications such as current air medical and/or search and rescue experience or ATP rated) prior to an assignment with a medical service with the following stipulations:

- a. A minimum of 1,200 helicopter flight hours
 - b. At least 1,000 of those hours must be as PIC in rotorcraft (may include up to 500 hours of tiltrotor)
 - c. 100 hours unaided (if pilot is not assigned to an NVG base/aircraft)
 - d. 50 hours unaided, as long as the pilot has 100 hours aided (if assigned to an NVG base/aircraft)
 - e. A minimum of 500 hours of turbine time—1,000 hours of turbine time strongly encouraged
3. ATP certificate and instrument currency is strongly encouraged.

[Aircrew safety: Helmet standards in the US | AirMed&Rescue \(airmedandrescue.com\)](https://airmedandrescue.com)



Ground Air Medical Quality Transport (GAMUT™) Quality Improvement Collaborative is a data analytics platform for medical transport programs to track, report, and evaluate their performance on transport-specific quality metrics.

[Home: GAMUT Ground & Air Medical Quality in Transport \(gamutqi.org\)](http://gamutqi.org)

GAMUT OFFERS MANY FEATURES, INCLUDING:

- Customizable real-time benchmarking
- Streamlined simplistic data input process for monthly transport unit data collection
- New reporting functions
- Improved quality of data verification
- Notification of missing data
- CAMTS accreditation-ready reporting
- Interactive graphs with improved data visualization
- QI learning collaboratives for training and improvement
- 40+ consensus quality metrics
- Clarification of frequently discussed metrics
- Options for additional user roles and responsibilities
- Executive-ready summaries

GAMUT tracks a wide variety of consensus-based metrics used in the transport domain.

GAMUT reports can be used in submissions to transport accreditation organizations like CAMTS.

ADVANCED AIRWAY MANAGEMENT

Ventilator use in patients with advanced airways

Waveform capnography ventilated patients

First attempt endotracheal tube success

DASH 1A-Definitive airway “sans” hypoxia/hypotension on first attempt

Verification of ETT placement



ADVANCED AIRWAY MANAGEMENT

Rapid Sequence intubation protocol compliance

Appropriately sized cuffed tracheal tube for pediatric patients (29 days to 17 years)

Use of supraglottic airway devices (SGAs) as primary invasive airway devices in transport patients

BLOOD/BLOOD PRODUCTS

Rate of transfusion-related allergic reactions

CLINICAL MANAGEMENT

Unintended neonatal hypothermia

Blood glucose check for altered mental status

Appropriate management of blood pressure for aortic emergencies

Steroids administered to asthmatics prior to arrival at destination hospital

Management of hypertension in hemorrhagic stroke

Reliable pain assessment

Antibiotic administration as early goal directed therapy for patients with suspected sepsis

Appropriate management of hemorrhagic shock

Patient temperature

Neonatal therapeutic hypothermia

Adult therapeutic hypothermia

VENTILATOR MANAGEMENT

Lung protective ventilation for transport patients

NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION

Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation (NPPV) failure during transport

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

Rate of CPR performed during transport



ADVANCED AIRWAY MANAGEMENT

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) effectiveness for transport patients

EFFICIENCY

Mobilization time of the transport team

Scene times for STEMI activation

Bedside times for STEMI activation

MATERNAL TRANSPORT

High Risk OB: Seizures

High Risk OB: Persistent Hypertension

High Risk OB: Delivery during transport

MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION

Clinical Documentation

SAFETY EVENTS

Medication errors on transport

Unplanned dislodgement of therapeutic devices

Rate of Serious Reportable Events (SREs)

Incidence of hypoxia during transport

Medical equipment failure

Adverse drug event during transport

Patient near miss or precursor adverse events

Rate of transport-related patient injuries

Rate of transport-related crew injuries

Vehicle crash/collision



A medical just culture is a system of shared accountability that aims to improve patient safety and create a positive work environment in healthcare

A just culture balances the need for an open and honest reporting environment with the end of a quality learning environment and culture. While the organization has a duty and responsibility to employees (and ultimately to patients), all employees are held responsible for the quality of their choices.

- **Shared accountability**
The organization is responsible for the systems it designs, and employees are responsible for their choices and reporting errors.
- **Fairness**
Mistakes are not automatically punished, but instead are used as opportunities to learn and improve.
- **Open reporting**
A culture is encouraged where employees feel safe to report errors and hazards.
- **Systemic perspective**
Adverse events are reviewed from a systems perspective to understand the underlying causes and how to prevent similar incidents.
- **Coaching and education**
Non-deliberate errors are addressed through coaching, counseling, and education to reduce the likelihood of repeat errors.

Dressler syndrome

Dressler syndrome is swelling and irritation of the sac around the heart that happens after damage to the heart muscle. The damage may trigger an immune system response that causes the condition. The damage can result from a heart attack, heart surgery or a serious injury.

Symptoms of Dressler syndrome include chest pain that can feel like chest pain from a heart attack.

Swelling and irritation of the sac around the heart is called pericarditis. Dressler syndrome is a type of pericarditis that can start after the heart muscle is damaged. So you may hear Dressler syndrome called post-traumatic pericarditis.



Some other names for the condition are:

- Post-myocardial infarction syndrome.
- Post-cardiac injury syndrome.
- Post-pericardiotomy syndrome.

Post pericardiotomy syndrome (PPS) is a common complication that can occur after cardiac surgery. It's a type of post-cardiac injury syndrome (PCIS) that can cause: Pleuritic chest pain, Fever, and Worsening or new pericardial and/or pleural effusion.

PPS is thought to be an immune-mediated process that's triggered by pericardial trauma, bleeding, or individual predisposition. It usually occurs days to weeks after surgery.

An echocardiogram can show several signs of heart failure, including:

- Ejection fraction

A measurement of the percentage of blood the heart pumps out each time it contracts. A normal ejection fraction is 50–80%, but a reading below 30% is considered relatively severe and a reading of 20% or below is very severe. However, an ejection fraction above 75% can also be a problem.

- Dilated left ventricle

An echocardiogram may show a dilated left ventricle (LV) with decreased global systolic function. This could indicate dilated cardiomyopathy.

- Segmental LV wall motion abnormalities

Similar findings to a dilated LV with associated segmental LV wall motion abnormalities could indicate ischemic cardiomyopathy.

- Severe mitral or aortic insufficiency

A dilated LV with impaired systolic function and associated severe mitral or aortic insufficiency could indicate HF secondary to valvular heart disease.

An echocardiogram uses high-frequency sound waves to create a detailed image of the heart's chambers, valves, walls, and blood vessels. It can help diagnose heart failure and other heart conditions.



Chest tube placement for a stable patient with a pneumothorax before air travel depends on the size of the pneumothorax and other factors:

Pneumothorax size	Recommendation
Small	Observation or chest tube placement for clinically stable patients
Large	Chest tube placement for clinically stable patients
Very small (1-2 cm) with no respiratory symptoms	Chest tube placement is not recommended by BTS
Small (less than 15% of the lung field or less than 2.5 cm in size on chest X-ray)	Conservative management can be safe and effective

Other factors to consider include:

- Air medical transport
Tube thoracostomy is often recommended before air medical transport, especially in un-pressurized rotor-wing aircraft.
- Air travel with a chest tube
Air travel with a chest tube and a one-way Heimlich valve may be an option for some patients.
- Air transport after treatment
Most commercial airlines recommend a minimum waiting period of 2-4 weeks before a patient can safely fly after treatment.
[Is a Chest Tube necessary prior to Air Medical Transport of patients with Pneumothorax? \(unm.edu\)](#)





Post CTRN Exam 2/11/2025

Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) is an autoimmune disorder where the body's immune system mistakenly attacks the myelin sheath, the protective covering of nerves. The exact cause of GBS is unknown, but it is often triggered by an infection or other event that disrupts the immune system.

Some common triggers of GBS include:

- **Bacterial infections:** *Campylobacter jejuni*, which causes food poisoning, is the most common bacterial trigger.
- **Viral infections:** Epstein-Barr virus, cytomegalovirus, Zika virus, and influenza virus can also trigger GBS.
- **Vaccinations:** Rarely GBS can develop after receiving certain vaccinations.
- **Surgery:** In some cases, GBS can occur after surgery.
- **Other medical conditions:** Certain medical conditions, such as HIV and lymphoma, can increase the risk of developing GBS.

It is important to note that not everyone who is exposed to these triggers will develop GBS. The exact mechanisms underlying GBS are still being investigated.

Transillumination of the neonatal chest is described as an aid in the diagnosis of pneumothorax or pneumomediastinum. Sudden severe tension pneumothorax or pneumomediastinum can be localized for immediate treatment and the success of therapy can be immediately assessed using transillumination.

Terbutaline injection may cause side effects. Tell your doctor if any of these symptoms are severe or do not go away:

- uncontrollable shaking of a part of the body.
- nervousness.
- dizziness.
- drowsiness.
- weakness.
- headache.
- nausea.
- vomiting.



The most common ambulance accidents are at intersections, and are often caused by driver error.

In a medical transport service, the entire team is responsible for crew resource management (CRM). CRM is a set of principles that includes communication, teamwork, and situational awareness. The goal of CRM is to improve safety, performance, and reduce errors.

Dobutamine is a medication that treats heart failure by strengthening your heart muscle.

Dobutamine stimulates heart muscle and improves blood flow by helping the heart pump better.

Dobutamine is used short-term to treat cardiac decompensation due to weakened heart muscle.

Dobutamine is usually given after other heart medicines have been tried without success.

What is the immediate treatment for WPW?

Treatment. Medicines, particularly antiarrhythmic drugs such as procainamide or amiodarone, may be used to control or prevent a rapid heartbeat. If the heart rate does not return to normal with medical treatment, doctors may use a type of therapy called electrical cardioversion (shock).

PVCs (premature ventricular contractions) occurring after a pericardial synthesis procedure, which involves removing fluid from around the heart, can be caused by several factors including: inflammation of the pericardium due to the procedure itself, irritation of the heart muscle during fluid removal, electrolyte imbalances caused by fluid loss, changes in heart rhythm due to the sudden relief of pressure from the pericardial effusion, and underlying heart conditions that might be exacerbated by the procedure

- **Pericardial irritation:**

Manipulating the pericardium during fluid aspiration can cause inflammation, leading to electrical instability in the heart muscle, which can trigger PVCs.

- **Electrolyte disturbances:**

Removing large amounts of fluid can lead to temporary electrolyte imbalances, particularly low potassium levels, which are known to contribute to PVCs.

- **Hemodynamic changes:**

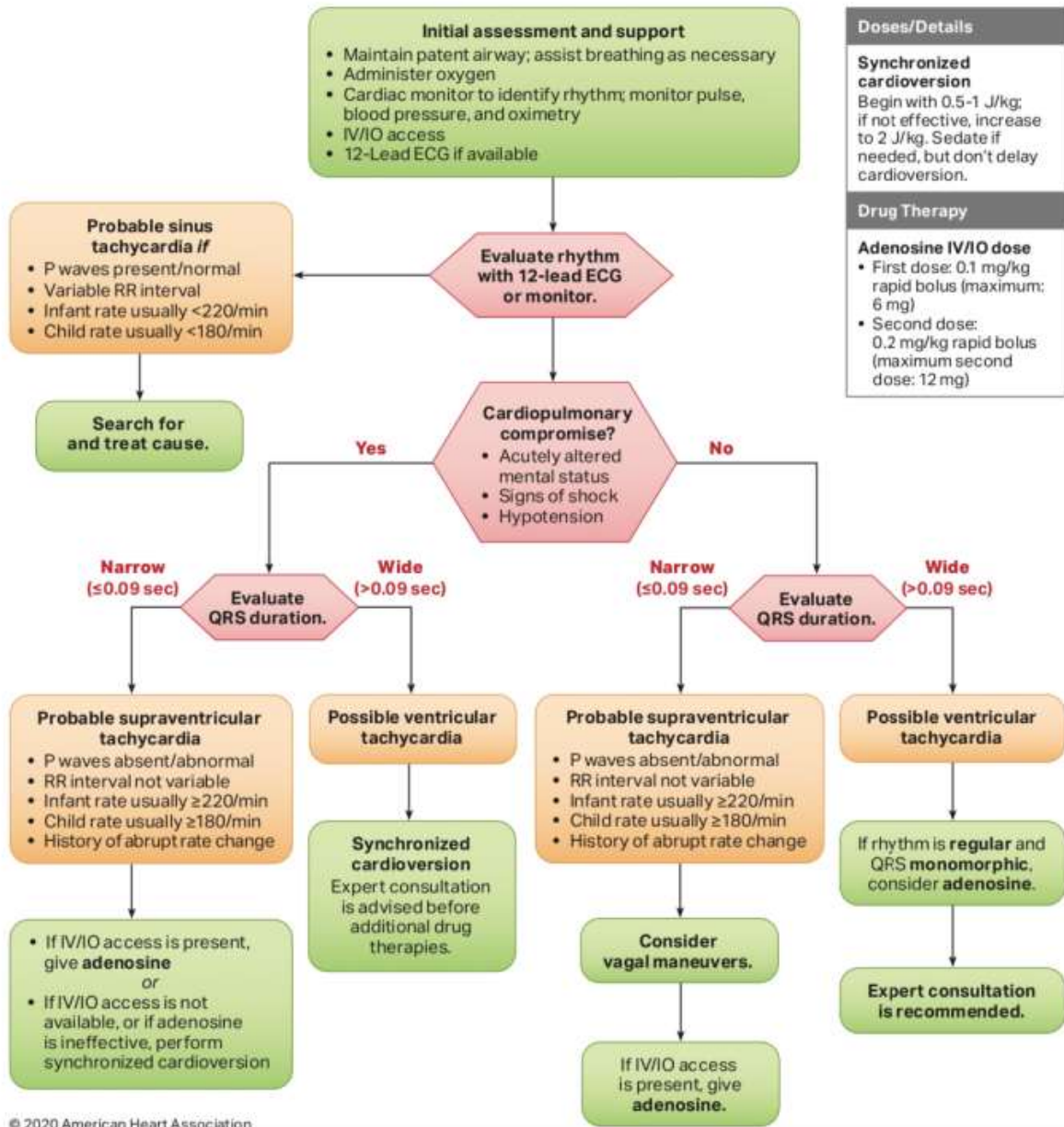
Rapid decompression of a large pericardial effusion can cause sudden shifts in blood pressure and heart rate, potentially triggering arrhythmias like PVCs.

- **Underlying heart conditions:**

If a patient already has pre-existing heart disease, such as coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathy, the stress of a pericardial synthesis procedure can worsen their condition and increase the likelihood of PVCs.

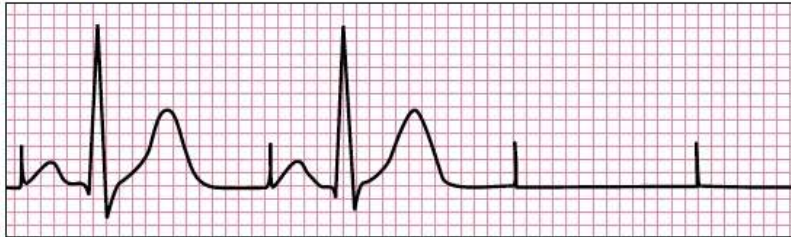


Pediatric Tachycardia With a Pulse Algorithm

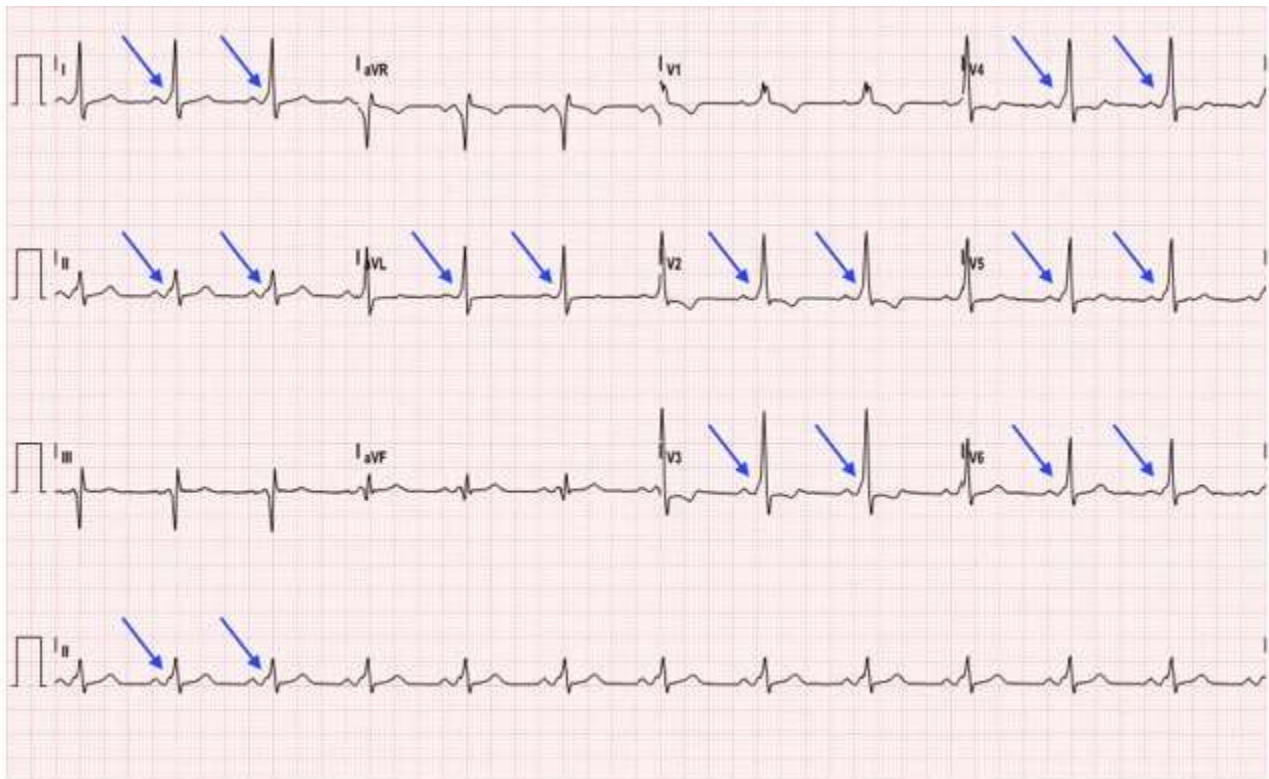




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WPW ECG



Placenta previa is a condition where the placenta implants low in the uterus, partially or completely covering the cervix (the opening of the uterus).

Causes:

The exact cause of placenta previa is unknown, but risk factors include:

Previous cesarean deliveries, Multiple pregnancies, Age over 35, and Uterine fibroids.



Symptoms:

The main symptom of placenta previa is painless, bright red vaginal bleeding that typically occurs in the second or third trimester of pregnancy. Other symptoms may include:

Abdominal pain, Contractions, and Early labor.

Diagnosis:

Placenta previa is usually diagnosed during an ultrasound exam.

Betamethasone and dexamethasone are the most common corticosteroids used to treat preterm labor. These drugs are given as injections before 34 weeks of pregnancy to help the baby's lungs develop and reduce the risk of health problems.

How are they given?

- Betamethasone is usually given as two injections, 12 to 24 hours apart.
- Dexamethasone is usually given in four doses, 12 hours apart.

What are the benefits?

- Corticosteroids can increase the chance of a baby surviving if they are born prematurely.
- They can reduce the risk of respiratory distress syndrome (RDS), intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), and necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC).

When are they given?

- Corticosteroids are most beneficial if given between 24 hours and 1 week before birth.
- Babies born between 24-35 weeks benefit most from steroids.

Other treatments for preterm labor: Antibiotics to prevent infections and Tocolytics to slow or stop labor contractions.

Driving an ambulance with due regard" means operating the vehicle while actively considering the safety of other people on the road, even when responding to an emergency, essentially prioritizing caution and awareness to avoid accidents despite the need to reach the scene quickly; it's about driving with a heightened sense of responsibility to not endanger others while using emergency lights and sirens.

Key points about "due regard":

- **Awareness of surroundings:**

Always scanning the road and traffic conditions to identify potential hazards.



- **Safe speed:**

Adjusting speed based on road conditions and traffic, not just rushing to reach the scene.

- **Proper signaling:**

Using lights and sirens appropriately, but also considering when they might be disruptive or confusing to other drivers.

- **Yielding when necessary:**

Not assuming right of way, and stopping or slowing down if needed to avoid collisions.

Why is "due regard" important?

- **Legal responsibility:**

Failure to exercise due regard can lead to legal consequences if an accident occurs.

- **Ethical consideration:**

Emergency vehicle operators have a moral obligation to prioritize the safety of others.

Mannitol generates an osmotic pressure difference across the BBB, driving the movement of water from the brain tissue into the bloodstream. This leads to brain dehydration and a subsequent reduction in ICP.

Nitric oxide (NO) works in pulmonary hypertension by acting as a pulmonary vasodilator, meaning it relaxes the smooth muscles in the blood vessels of the lungs, thereby lowering pulmonary vascular resistance and blood pressure in the pulmonary arteries, which is the primary mechanism behind pulmonary hypertension; this effect is achieved by stimulating the enzyme soluble guanylate cyclase, leading to the production of cyclic GMP (cGMP) that causes smooth muscle relaxation.

Key points about nitric oxide and pulmonary hypertension:

- **Mechanism of action:**

NO is produced by endothelial cells lining the blood vessels and diffuses into the smooth muscle cells where it activates soluble guanylate cyclase, which then produces cGMP, causing relaxation of the smooth muscle and vasodilation.

- **Selective pulmonary vasodilation:**

When inhaled, NO primarily affects the pulmonary vasculature due to its rapid reaction with hemoglobin in the blood, meaning it selectively dilates blood vessels in the lungs without significantly impacting systemic blood pressure.



- **Clinical application:**

Inhaled nitric oxide is used to treat certain types of pulmonary hypertension, especially in newborns with hypoxic respiratory failure, as it can rapidly improve oxygenation by decreasing pulmonary vascular resistance.

Heliox therapy is primarily used for patients experiencing upper airway obstruction or severe airflow obstruction in the lungs, such as those with acute asthma attacks, croup, post-extubation stridor, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or other conditions causing significant airway resistance due to its lower density which allows for easier airflow through obstructed airways;.

Key points about heliox therapy:

- **Mechanism of action:**

Heliox, a mixture of helium and oxygen, is less dense than air, leading to a more laminar flow through narrowed airways, reducing the work of breathing.

- **Clinical situations where heliox might be used:**

- Severe asthma attacks (status asthmaticus)
- Croup in children
- Post-extubation stridor
- Upper airway obstruction due to trauma or foreign body
- Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)
- Bronchiolitis in infants

Bronchiolitis in children starts like a common cold, but can progress to wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing.

Early symptoms runny nose, fever, stuffy nose, loss of appetite, and cough.

Later symptoms Wheezing, Shortness of breath, Rapid breathing, Difficulty feeding, and Irritability.

Hemothorax

Respiratory Symptoms:

- Shortness of breath



- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Cough
- Chest pain (may worsen with deep breaths or coughing)

In a hemothorax, the jugular veins can indicate the severity of blood loss by showing a decreased or absent distention, meaning that if the jugular veins appear flat, it suggests a significant amount of blood has accumulated in the chest cavity, hindering blood return to the heart due to the pressure from the hemothorax; essentially, the jugular veins act as a visual marker for circulatory volume in this situation.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) for measles includes gloves, eye protection, and a respiratory mask. The type of PPE required depends on the setting and the level of risk. Healthcare provider precautions .Wear an N95 respirator or similar mask if available

For a trauma patient with facial injuries, partial airway obstruction, and possible C-spine injuries, the best airway management option is typically a rapid sequence intubation (RSI) using a fiberoptic bronchoscope or a video laryngoscope, while maintaining cervical spine immobilization to minimize neck movement during airway management; if immediate airway control is needed and intubation is not feasible, a surgical cricothyroidotomy should be considered.

Clinical signs of respiratory failure include:

- **Shortness of breath:** A feeling of air hunger or difficulty breathing
- **Rapid breathing:** Also known as tachypnea, this is when you're taking more breaths than normal
- **Bluish skin:** A bluish color to the skin, lips, or fingernails, especially around the mouth and eyes
- **Coughing:** Coughing up phlegm
- **Chest pain:** Pain when breathing deeply, especially when trying to inhale
- **Confusion:** A state of confusion or disorientation
- **Headaches:** Severe headaches
- **Fast heart rate:** An increased heart rate
- **Grunting:** A grunting sound when exhaling
- **Sweating:** Increased sweating on the head
- **Nostril flaring:** The nostrils open wider with each breath
- **Retractions:** The chest appears to sink in with each breath



In respiratory failure, an ABG reading would typically show a low partial pressure of oxygen (PaO₂) - often below 60 mmHg - indicating hypoxemia, and may also present with a high partial pressure of carbon dioxide (PaCO₂) depending on the type of respiratory failure, signifying hypercapnia; this combination usually results in a low blood pH, indicating respiratory acidosis.

Key points about ABG readings in respiratory failure:

Low PaO₂ (< 60 mmHg):

This is the primary indicator of respiratory failure, signifying inadequate oxygen levels in the blood.

High PaCO₂ (depending on the type):

In "type 2" respiratory failure, a high PaCO₂ is also present, indicating poor ventilation and carbon dioxide retention.

Low pH:

A low blood pH typically accompanies respiratory failure due to the accumulation of carbon dioxide, leading to respiratory acidosis.

Distinguishing between types of respiratory failure:

Type 1 respiratory failure: Primarily characterized by low PaO₂ with a normal PaCO₂.

Type 2 respiratory failure: Presents with both low PaO₂ and high PaCO₂.

Mechanical ventilation of a "non-compliant lung" means using a ventilator to assist breathing in a lung that is stiff and difficult to inflate, requiring significantly higher pressures to deliver a given volume of air due to reduced lung compliance, often seen in conditions like pulmonary fibrosis or acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS); this necessitates careful ventilator settings with low tidal volumes and higher positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) to prevent further lung injury.

Key points about ventilating a non-compliant lung:

- **Low tidal volumes:**

To minimize stress on the stiff lung tissue, the ventilator should deliver smaller tidal volumes than in a normal lung.

- **High PEEP:**

Applying positive end-expiratory pressure helps keep alveoli open and prevents them from collapsing during exhalation, which can be crucial in a non-compliant lung.

- **Pressure-controlled ventilation (PCV):**



This mode is often preferred for non-compliant lungs as it allows setting a target airway pressure, which helps limit the risk of excessive pressure generation.

- **Monitoring lung pressures:**

Close monitoring of peak inspiratory pressure, plateau pressure, and airway pressures is vital to assess lung mechanics and adjust ventilator settings as needed.

Potential complications of ventilating a non-compliant lung:

- **Ventilator-induced lung injury (VILI):** Using excessively high tidal volumes or pressures can lead to alveolar damage and further decrease lung compliance.
- **Barotrauma:** High airway pressures can cause air leaks in the lungs, like pneumothorax.
- **Recruitment-derecruitment cycles:** Repeated cycles of alveolar collapse and re-expansion can also cause lung injury.

Management strategies to minimize complications:

- **Lung recruitment maneuvers:**

Using a brief period of high inspiratory pressure to open collapsed alveoli, often combined with PEEP.

- **Prone positioning:**

Placing the patient on their stomach can improve lung aeration in some cases.

- **Surfactant replacement therapy:**

In certain conditions like neonatal respiratory distress syndrome, surfactant administration can improve lung compliance.

"Neonatal neuro hypothermia therapy," also known as "therapeutic hypothermia" or "whole body cooling," is a medical treatment where a newborn baby's body temperature is deliberately lowered shortly after birth to protect the brain from damage caused by oxygen deprivation (hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy, or HIE) that may have occurred during delivery; this is done by placing the baby on a special cooling blanket to maintain a lower core temperature for a specific period, usually around 72 hours, and then slowly rewarming them afterwards, potentially improving neurological outcomes for the infant.

The DOPE mnemonic is used in critical care medicine to troubleshoot potential causes of respiratory distress in patients on mechanical ventilation. It stands for:

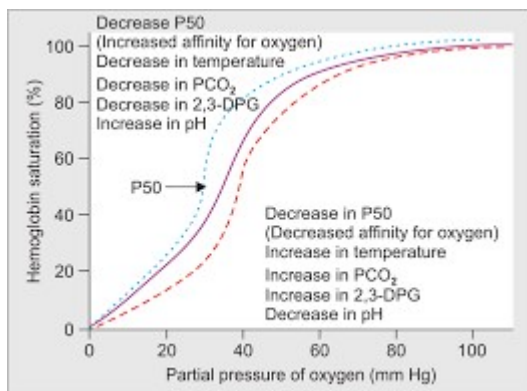
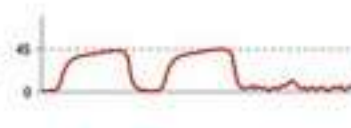
- **D:** displacement of the endotracheal tube (ET tube)



- **O:** obstruction of the ET tube (e.g., by mucus, blood, or debris)
- **P:** pneumothorax
- **E:** equipment failure (e.g., ventilator malfunction)

Sudden loss of waveform

- ET tube disconnected, dislodged, kinked or obstructed
- Loss of circulatory function



Low levels of 2,3-diphosphoglycerate (2,3-DPG) in red blood cells (RBCs) after a blood transfusion usually return to normal within hours to a few days. This is true for adults and likely also for children.

Explanation

- 2,3-DPG levels in RBCs decrease rapidly after a few days of storage.
- RBCs that are depleted of 2,3-DPG may not deliver oxygen as effectively. However, some studies suggest that stored RBCs with low 2,3-DPG still deliver oxygen effectively.
- In massive exchange transfusions, impaired oxygen offloading can occur.

Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC) can be detected using a panel of laboratory tests that include:

- **Platelet count:** A low or decreasing platelet count indicates DIC



- **Prothrombin time (PT):** An elevated PT indicates DIC
- **Activated partial thromboplastin time (APTT):** An elevated APTT indicates DIC
- **Fibrinogen:** A decreased fibrinogen level indicates DIC
- **D-dimer:** An elevated D-dimer level indicates DIC

Mechanical ventilation of an aspirin overdose patient should only be used as a last resort and with extreme caution, as it can be very difficult to adequately hyperventilate the patient to compensate for their metabolic acidosis, potentially worsening their condition due to the disruption of their natural respiratory response to the overdose; intubation should only be considered if the patient is experiencing respiratory distress or has a compromised airway, and careful monitoring of blood gas levels is crucial throughout ventilation.

Key points about mechanical ventilation in aspirin overdose:

- **Respiratory alkalosis initially:**

Aspirin overdose initially causes a respiratory alkalosis due to direct stimulation of the respiratory center, so mechanical ventilation can potentially worsen this by removing the patient's ability to hyperventilate.

- **Metabolic acidosis develops later:**

As the overdose progresses, a metabolic acidosis develops, which requires careful management with ventilation to achieve appropriate pH levels.

- **Risk of neurotoxicity:**

If not properly managed, mechanical ventilation can lead to further neurological complications due to the inability to maintain adequate hyperventilation.

- **Indications for intubation:**

- Severe respiratory depression
- Loss of airway protection due to altered mental status
- Pulmonary edema

Management considerations:

- **Early recognition and intervention:**



Prompt diagnosis of aspirin overdose is crucial to initiate appropriate treatment, including potential need for mechanical ventilation.

- **Sodium bicarbonate therapy:**

Administering intravenous sodium bicarbonate can help alkalinize the urine and promote aspirin excretion.

- **Close monitoring:**

Continuous monitoring of vital signs, blood gas levels, and neurological status is essential when considering mechanical ventilation.

- **Consult with a toxicology specialist:**

Due to the complexities of managing an aspirin overdose, seeking expert advice from a poison control center or toxicology specialist is highly recommended.

Side-effect of propofol-based induction is dose-dependent hemodynamic instability (Sahinovic et al., 2018), such as hypotension and bradycardia, especially in elderly patients.

TBI herniating patient

The airway should be secured according to local protocols. Induction agents such as propofol should be carefully used, possibly in conjunction with induction inotropes, given the risk of systemic hypotension with impaired CBF. Ketamine is an attractive agent in trauma patients given its favorable hemodynamic profile. Despite theoretical risks, a systematic review of ketamine use in TBI suggests that ketamine does not increase ICP

Breathing should be optimized to maintain oxygenation and prevent ventilatory dysfunction, as extremes in CO₂ can lead to cerebral vasoconstriction, vasodilation, and have been shown to be predictors of morbidity and mortality.⁸ Hyperventilation is used by some providers to acutely decrease ICP through hypocarbic vasoconstriction, despite evidence showing an association between even brief periods of hyperventilation and increased mediators of secondary brain injury in areas adjacent to injured brain tissue as well as local reductions in cerebral perfusion.¹⁶⁻¹⁸ This strategy should be used with caution, and perhaps only employed to acutely combat signs of active herniation while initiating more definitive treatment.

Circulation should be maintained to prevent hypotension and maintain CBF. There is a known coagulopathy related to head injury likely related to tissue factor release coupled with hypoperfusion, which may be exacerbated by a pure crystalloid resuscitation. A balanced blood product resuscitation has been shown to be beneficial in trauma patients,¹⁹⁻²¹ and may be extended to TBI patients. Uncrossmatched packed red blood cells are an initial resuscitative fluid choice that is often used in hypotensive trauma



patients, with a goal to maintain SBP ≥ 90 mmHg in patients suspected of having a TBI. The concept of permissive hypotension does not apply to patients with known or suspected TBI, and normal physiologic blood pressure parameters should be targeted in this population.

Elevating the head of a patient with high intracranial pressure (ICP) is a common practice to help reduce pressure by improving venous drainage from the brain, typically done by raising the head of the bed to a moderate angle (around 30 degrees); however, excessive elevation can be detrimental and should be carefully monitored to avoid lowering cerebral perfusion pressure (CPP) too much.

A reverse Trendelenburg position is used during intubation of bariatric patients because it helps improve airway visualization and ventilation by elevating the head and chest, minimizing the risk of gastric aspiration and allowing for better lung expansion, especially in individuals with significant abdominal fat that can compress the diaphragm when lying flat.

Laboratory values indicating Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone (SIADH) include: low serum sodium (hyponatremia) (<135 mmol/L), low serum osmolality (<280 mOsm/kg), and high urine osmolality (>100 mOsm/kg) alongside elevated urine sodium levels (>20 mmo)

Lab values indicating HHNK (Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemic State) include: extremely high blood glucose levels (typically above 600 mg/dL), elevated serum osmolality (greater than 320 mOsm/kg), near-normal blood pH (greater than 7.3), and minimal to absent ketone presence in the blood or urine, signifying a state of severe hyperglycemia with significant dehydration but without significant ketoacidosis.

The rationale used by the AGS for listing benzodiazepines as inappropriate medications for elderly patients is that “older adults have increased sensitivity to benzodiazepines and decreased metabolism of long-acting agents; in general, all benzodiazepines

Common side effects of Romazicon include:

- pain or irritation where the medicine was injected,
- agitation or tremors (shaking),
- flushing (warmth, redness, or tingly feeling under your skin),
- dizziness,
- sweating or shivering,
- headache,
- blurred vision, or.



Most injured organ in a gunshot wound (GSW) to the lower abdomen is the small bowel. This is followed by the colon, and then the liver.

Early signs of poor circulation in pediatric trauma patients include: tachycardia (rapid heart rate), delayed capillary refill, cool or mottled skin, pale skin color, weak pulses, altered mental status, and anxiety, while hypotension (low blood pressure) is usually a later sign of significant circulatory compromise.

Prerenal failure is treated by restoring blood flow to the kidneys and addressing the underlying cause. Treatments include:

- **Fluid replacement:** Intravenous (IV) fluids, including blood or blood products, can increase blood volume.
- **Diuretics:** Loop diuretics like furosemide can help with volume management.
- **Vasopressors:** Terlipressin, noradrenaline, and midodrine can help with renal perfusion.
- **Renal replacement therapy:** Dialysis or filtration can be used to treat volume overload.

Central cord syndrome (CCS) is a type of incomplete spinal cord injury that primarily affects the upper extremities (arms and hands).

Causes:

- Trauma to the cervical (neck) spine, such as:
 - Motor vehicle accidents
 - Falls
 - Sports injuries
- Spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spinal canal)
- Tumors

Symptoms:

- Weakness or paralysis in the arms and hands, with less or no weakness in the legs
- Loss of sensation or altered sensation in the arms, hands, and upper body
- Difficulty with fine motor skills, such as writing, buttoning, or grasping objects
- Loss of bladder and bowel control
- Pain in the neck or back



In neurogenic shock, both the central venous pressure (CVP) and systemic vascular resistance (SVR) will be low due to widespread vasodilation caused by the loss of sympathetic nervous system tone, resulting in decreased venous return and reduced systemic resistance to blood flow; essentially, the body is unable to constrict blood vessels effectively, leading to hypotension.

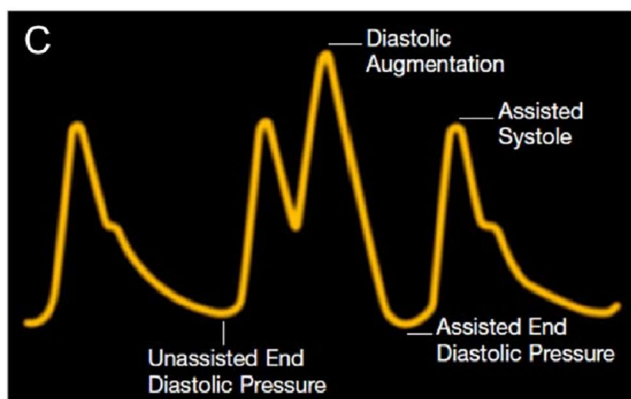
In septic shock, a typical hemodynamic profile would show a low central venous pressure (CVP), low systemic vascular resistance (SVR), and usually a low pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP), indicating widespread vasodilation and decreased systemic vascular tone, leading to a low blood pressure despite potentially high cardiac output due to the body's attempt to compensate for the circulatory dysfunction.

In cardiogenic shock, a patient typically presents with a low cardiac index (CI), elevated pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) above 15 mmHg, and often a high systemic vascular resistance (SVR), while the central venous pressure (CVP) may be elevated as well, indicating increased right atrial pressure and potential right ventricular dysfunction; however, the SVR can sometimes be normal or even low in severe cases depending on the patient's state of circulatory collapse.

Patients with severe kyphosis or other anatomical or medical conditions (e.g., ankylosing spondylitis or rheumatoid arthritis) may be stabilized using a combination of pillow, blanket, or other devices. Spinal motion restriction should be accomplished using the most appropriate tool for the specific circumstance.

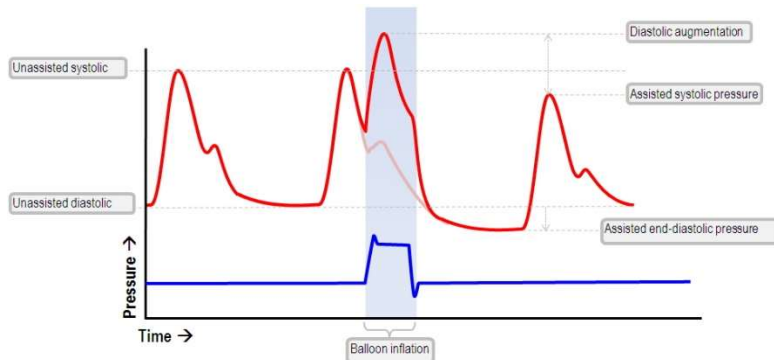
Balloon catheter rupture and gas loss - Contact with sharp object - Balloon membrane fatigue - Contact with a calcified plaque - You will see backflow of blood into the tubing o Immediate response required if console alarms “gas leak,” “low augmentation,” or “blood detect”

Early Deflation





IABP in 1:2 mode



For COPD patients, a typical BiPAP setting would start with an inspiratory positive airway pressure (IPAP) of around 10 cm H₂O and an expiratory positive airway pressure (EPAP) of 4-5 cm H₂O, with adjustments made based on the patient's response and blood gas analysis, aiming to maintain adequate oxygen saturation and manage carbon dioxide levels

BiPAP settings for congestive heart failure (CHF) typically start at an inspiratory pressure (IPAP) of 10 cm H₂O and an expiratory pressure (EPAP) of 5 cm H₂O.

Adjustments

- Gradually increase the IPAP and EPAP by 1–2 cm every 5–15 minutes
- Increase the IPAP to improve hypercapnia, but avoid IPAP >20 cm H₂O
- Adjust the FiO₂ to a goal SaO₂ (e.g., 94% to 98%)

The five P's of ARDS therapy are a set of supportive care principles for treating patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). The five P's are:

- **Perfusion:** Supporting the patient's circulatory system to improve blood flow and oxygenation
- **Positioning:** Using the patient's position to help with breathing and perfusion
- **Protective lung ventilation:** Using mechanical ventilation to reduce lung stress and strain
- **Protocol weaning:** Gradually transitioning the patient off of mechanical ventilation



- **Preventing complications:** Taking steps to prevent stress ulcers, blood clots, and other complications

When a mechanically ventilated patient presents with low SpO₂, you should generally adjust the FiO₂ (fraction of inspired oxygen) first before making significant changes to PEEP (positive end-expiratory pressure), as increasing FiO₂ is the quickest way to deliver more oxygen to the patient; however, depending on the clinical situation, PEEP adjustments may be necessary to optimize oxygenation while minimizing lung injury.

Key points to remember:

- **Initial adjustment:**

Always start by increasing the FiO₂ slightly to improve oxygenation rapidly.

- **Monitoring and further adjustments:**

After assessing the response to FiO₂ changes, consider adjusting PEEP if needed to further improve oxygenation, especially in patients with conditions like ARDS where alveolar recruitment is critical.

- **Caution with high FiO₂:**

Be cautious with excessively high FiO₂ levels due to potential oxygen toxicity.

Why FiO₂ first?

- **Direct impact on oxygen delivery:**

FiO₂ directly controls the percentage of oxygen in the inspired gas, leading to a faster change in oxygen saturation.

- **Easier to monitor:**

Oxygen saturation can be readily monitored with pulse oximetry, allowing for rapid assessment of the effect of FiO₂ adjustments.

When to adjust PEEP:

- **Poor oxygenation despite FiO₂ changes:**

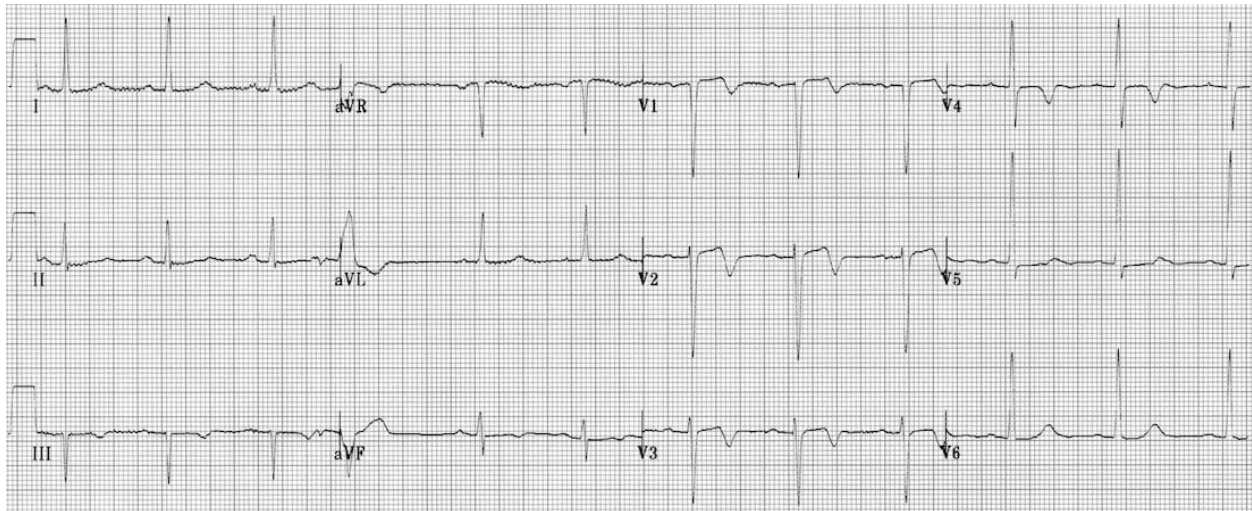
If increasing FiO₂ alone is not sufficient to achieve adequate oxygenation, then PEEP adjustments may be considered.

- **Suspected alveolar recruitment issues:**

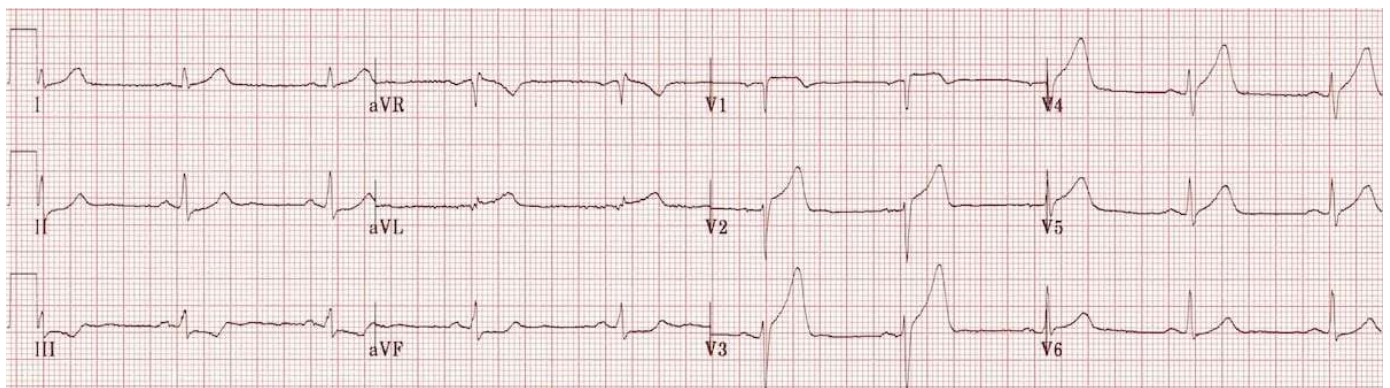


In conditions like ARDS, where lung collapse is a major concern, PEEP can help recruit collapsed alveoli and improve oxygenation.

Wellens Syndrome is a *clinical syndrome* characterised by **biphasic or deeply inverted T waves in V2-3**, plus a history of recent chest pain now resolved. It is highly specific for critical stenosis of the left anterior descending artery (LAD)

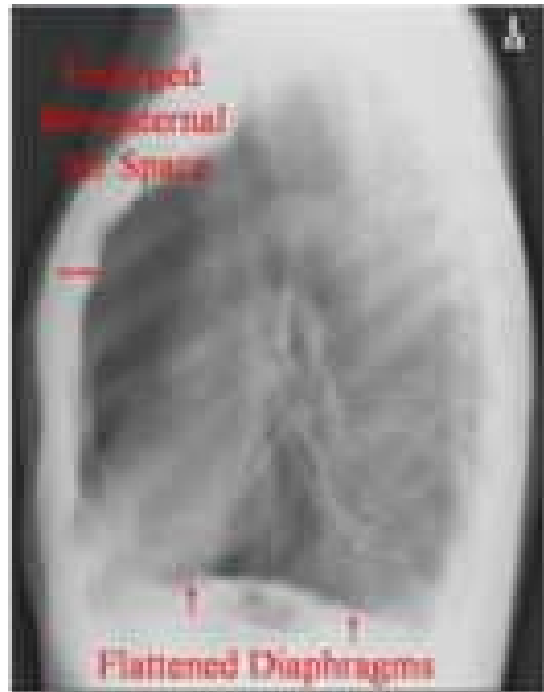


Anterior lateral STEMI

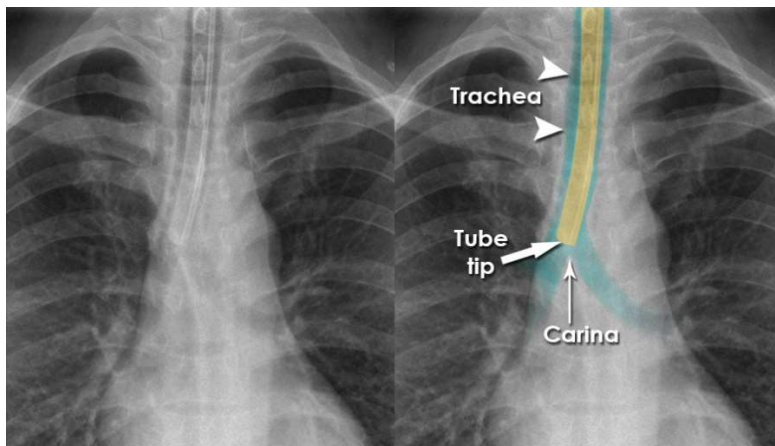




A chest X-ray in a patient with COPD typically shows signs of hyperinflated lungs, including a flattened diaphragm, increased retrosternal space, attenuated pulmonary vasculature, and sometimes visible air pockets (bullae), indicating lung damage characteristic of emphysema; the heart may appear smaller than normal due to the lung hyperinflation.

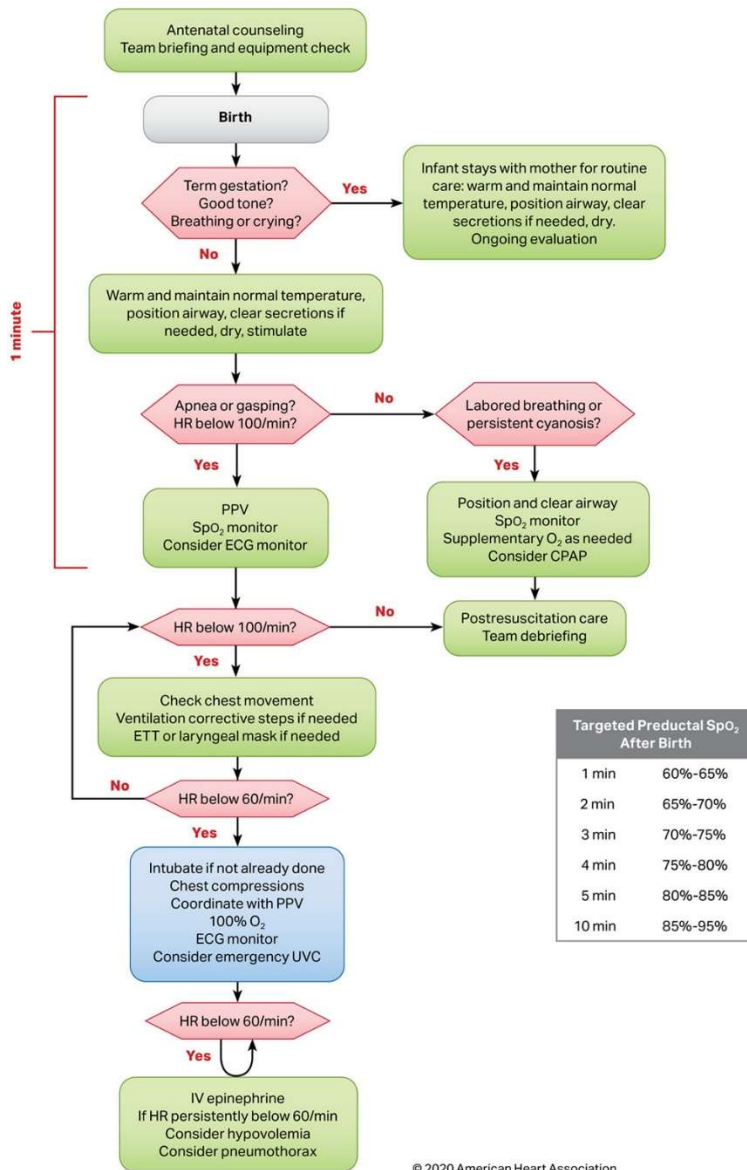


Right Main Stem intubation





Neonatal Resuscitation Algorithm



Adrenal insufficiency is treated with **Corticosteroids**: Replace cortisol, the hormone the adrenal glands don't produce. Hydrocortisone is a common corticosteroid. Solu-Cortef (hydrocortisone).

