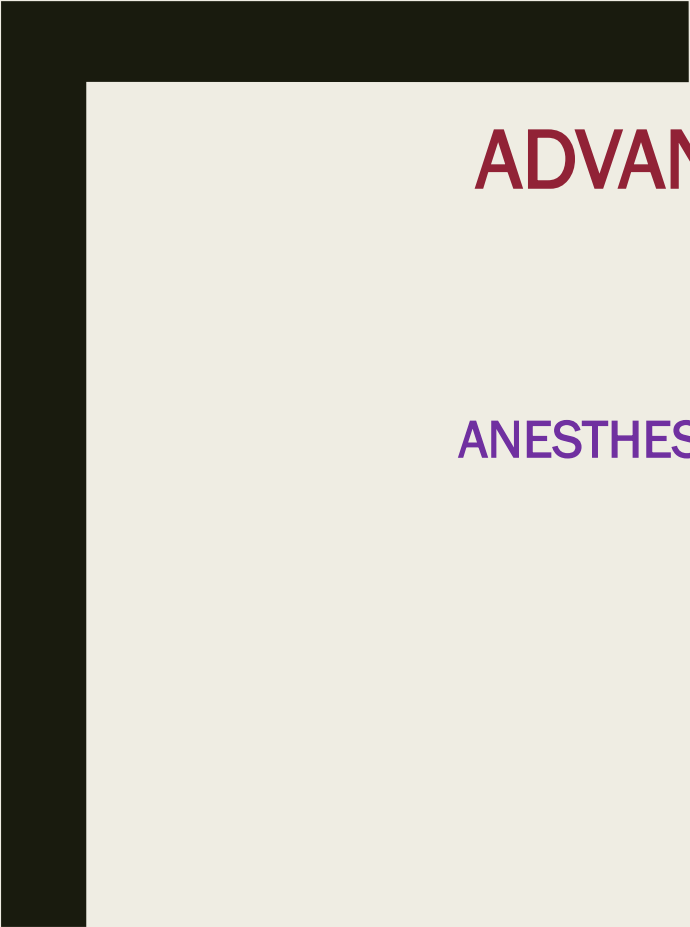


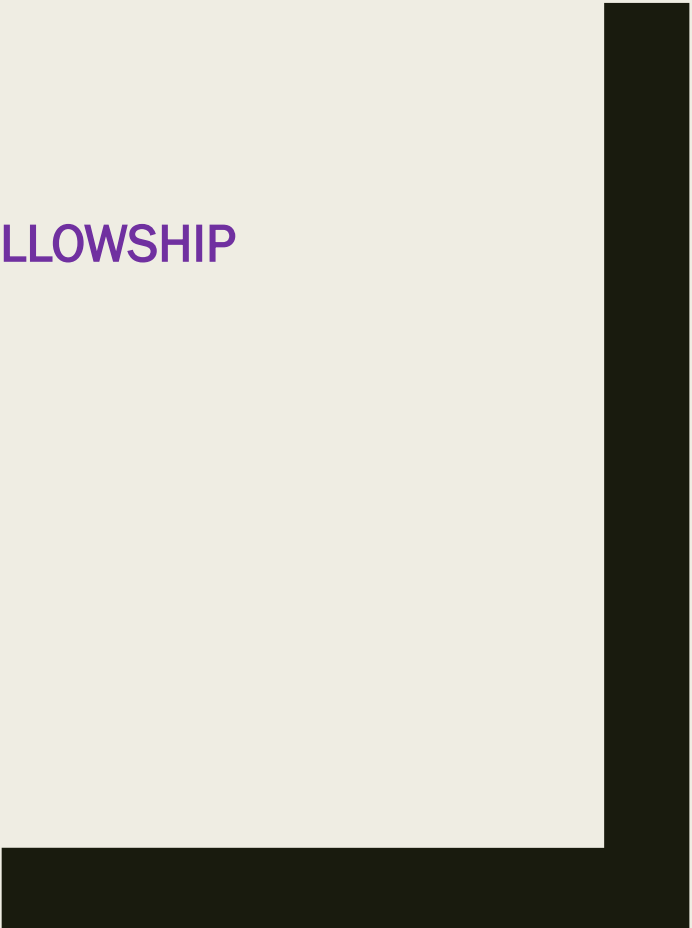


ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT

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- ACLS is a series of evidence based → simple enough → memory and recall under stress moments
- AHA protocols are considered to be the gold standard and review every 5 yrs

Chain of survival :

- Immediate *Recognition* , emergency response *Activation*
- Early CPR emphasis → chest compression
- Rapid *Defibrillation*
- *Effective* ACLS

○ ***Witnessed***

- **if alone**

Activate EMS

Then CPR

- **if 2 rescuers**

Start CPR

Second one activate EMS

○ ***Unwitnessed***

Start CPR for 2 min

Activate EMS

Excellent CPR (high quality) :

○ **excellent *chest compression* :**

Nonstop (less 10 s)

proper timing (100 – 120 /min)

force (5- 6 cm depth)

Avoid excessive ventilation

Complete chest recoil

cycling

Children /infant → at least 1/3 AP diameter of chest

Adult: 2 hands on the lower half of sternum

Children :1 or 2 hands on the lower half of sternum

Infant :2 fingers or 2 thumbs

Chest compression

adult : 30 : 2

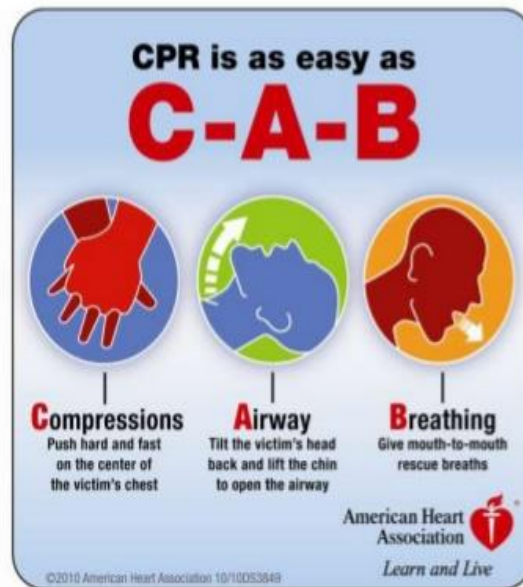
children or infant :

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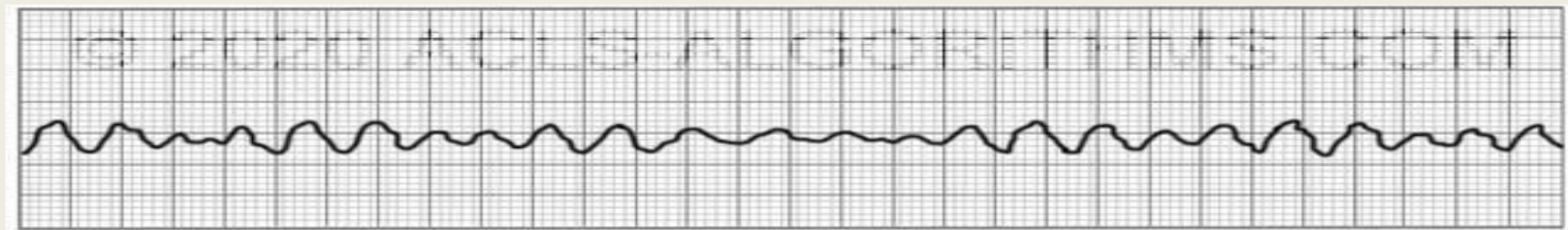
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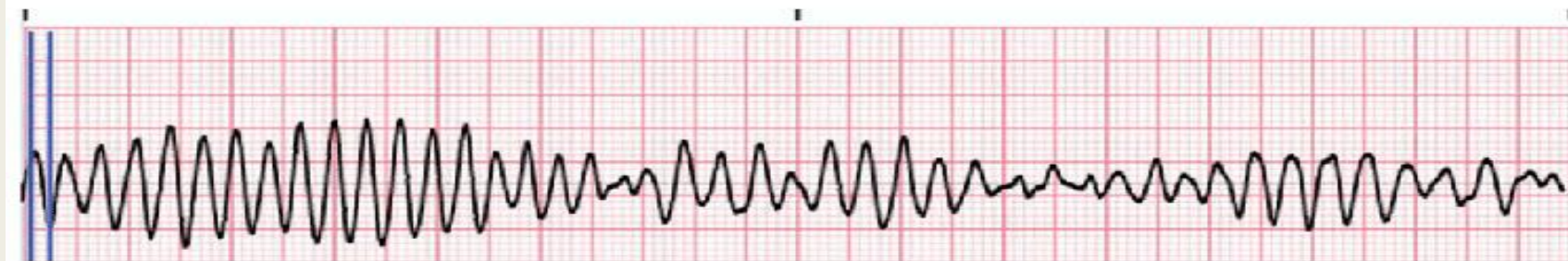
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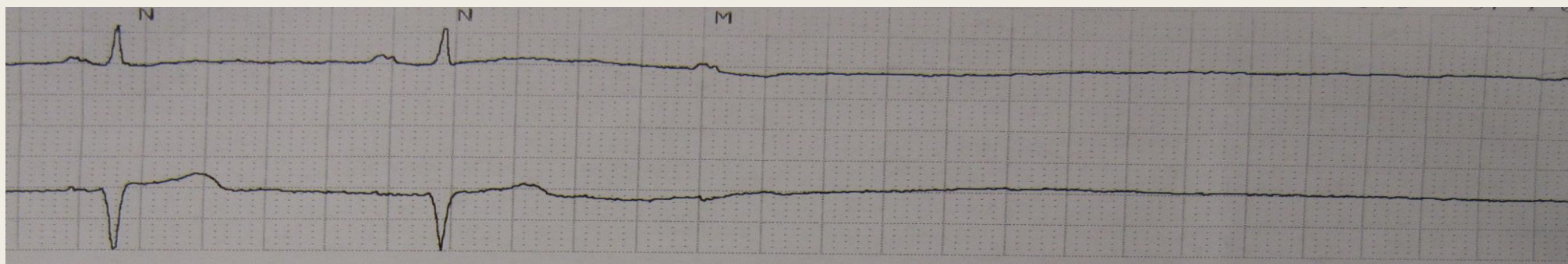






Ventricular Tachycardia Torsade de Pointes - EKG Reference





Cardiac arrest:

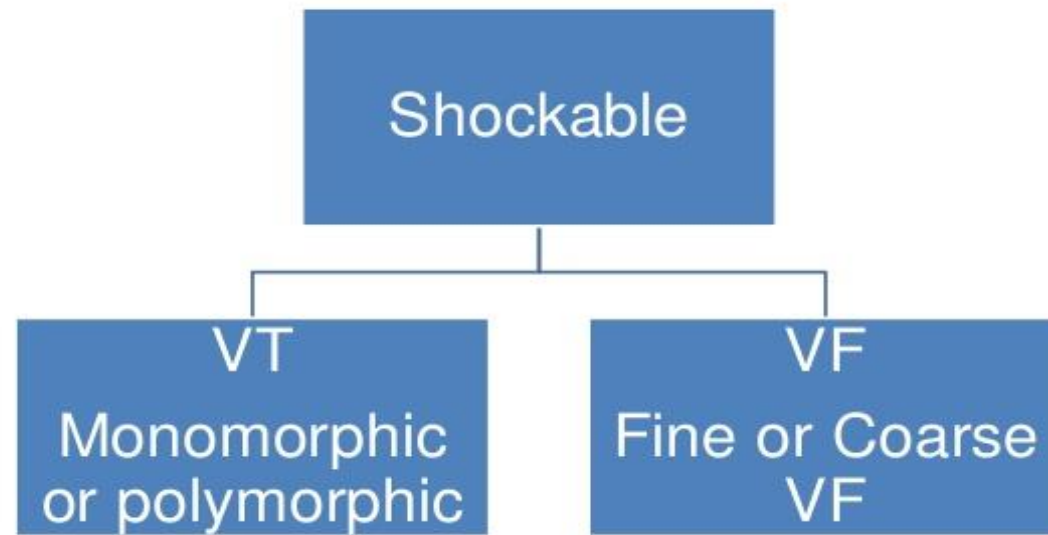
Can be caused by 4 rhythms :

1- VT

2-VF

3- Asystole

4- Pulseless Electrical Activity



Ventricular tachycardia

- R-R interval usually regular, not always
 - QRS not preceded by p wave.
 - Wide and bizarre QRS.
 - Difficult to find separation between QRS and T wave
- Rate=100-250bpm



Torsades de Pointes



Twisting of points, is a distinctive form of polymorphic ventricular tachycardia characterized by a gradual change in the amplitude and twisting of the QRS complexes around the isoelectric line. Rate cannot be determined.



Ventricular fibrillation

Coarse VF



Fine VF



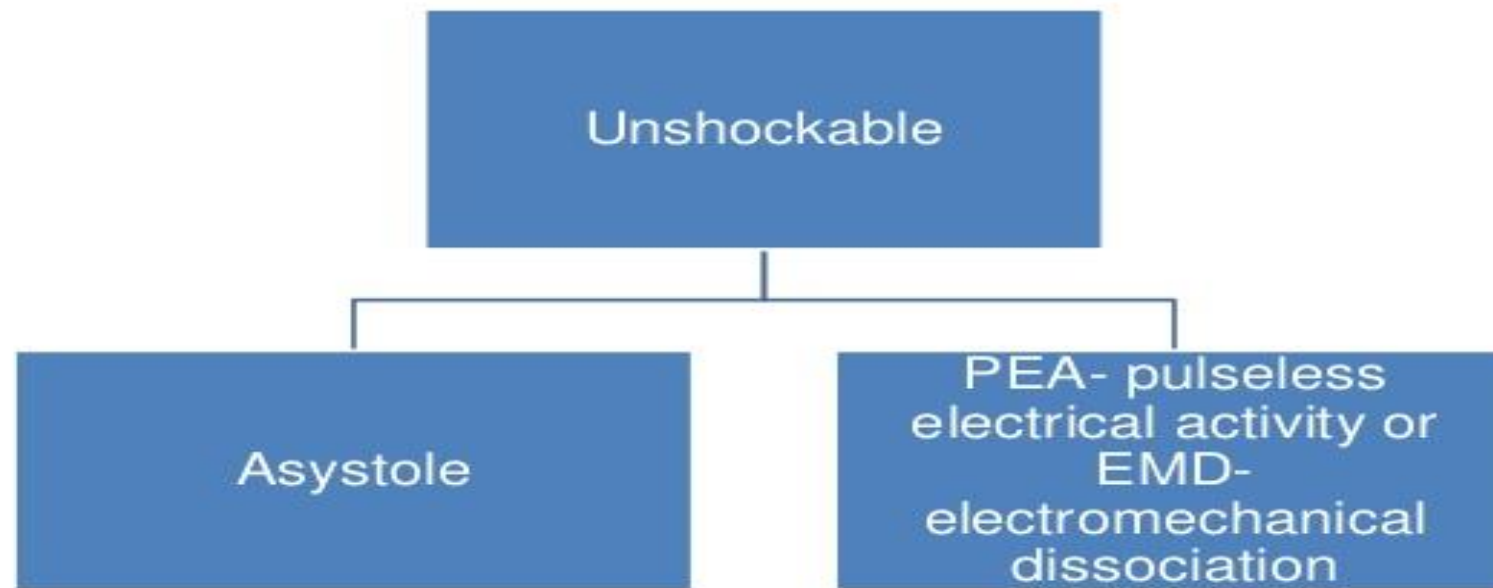
A severely abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia) that can be life-threatening.

No identifiable P, QRS or T wave

Emergency- requires Basic Life Support

Rate cannot be discerned, rhythm unorganized





Asystole

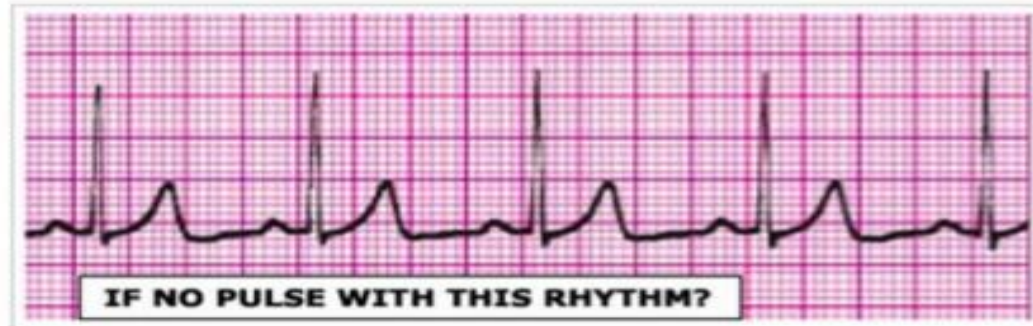


a state of no cardiac electrical activity, hence no contractions of the myocardium and no cardiac output or blood flow.

Rate, rhythm, p and QRS are absent



Pulseless electrical activity



- Pulseless electrical activity (PEA)
- unresponsiveness and no palpable pulse
- some organized cardiac electrical activity.
- previously referred to as electromechanical dissociation



Treatable cause of cardiac arrest

Hypoxia

Hypovolemia

Hydrogen ions(acidosis)

Hypo / Hyper kalemia

Hypothermia

Toxin

Tamponade

Tension pneumothorax

Thrombosis (pulmonary)

Thrombosis (cardiac)

Defibrillation

Biphasic : 120 – 200 j

Monophasic : 360 j

AED

How to use?

If not- intubated / if intubated

Don't place over pacemaker

Apical pad / sternal pad

switch on defibrillator

Charge to 200 j

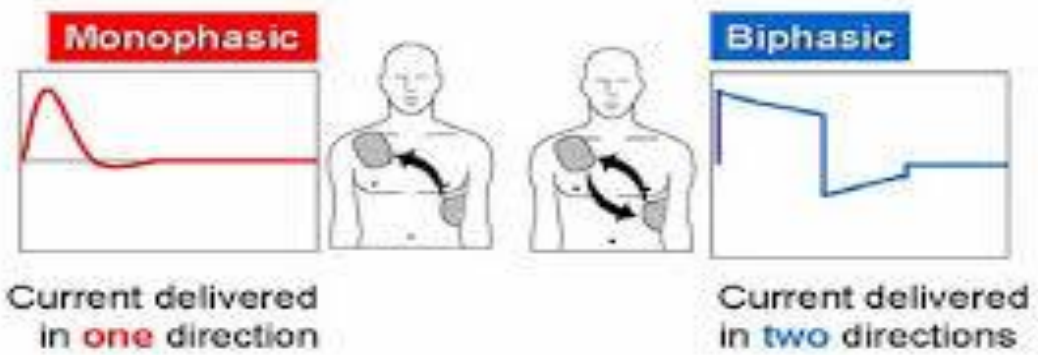
Warn all other rescuers to stand clear (are you clear?)

Visually check them

I am clear

Deliver shock

Restart CPR without checking pulse



Article

One-Shock Versus Three-Shock Defibrillation Protocol Significantly Improves Outcome in a Porcine Model of Prolonged Ventricular Fibrillation Cardiac Arrest

June 2006 · [Circulation](#) 113(23):2683-9

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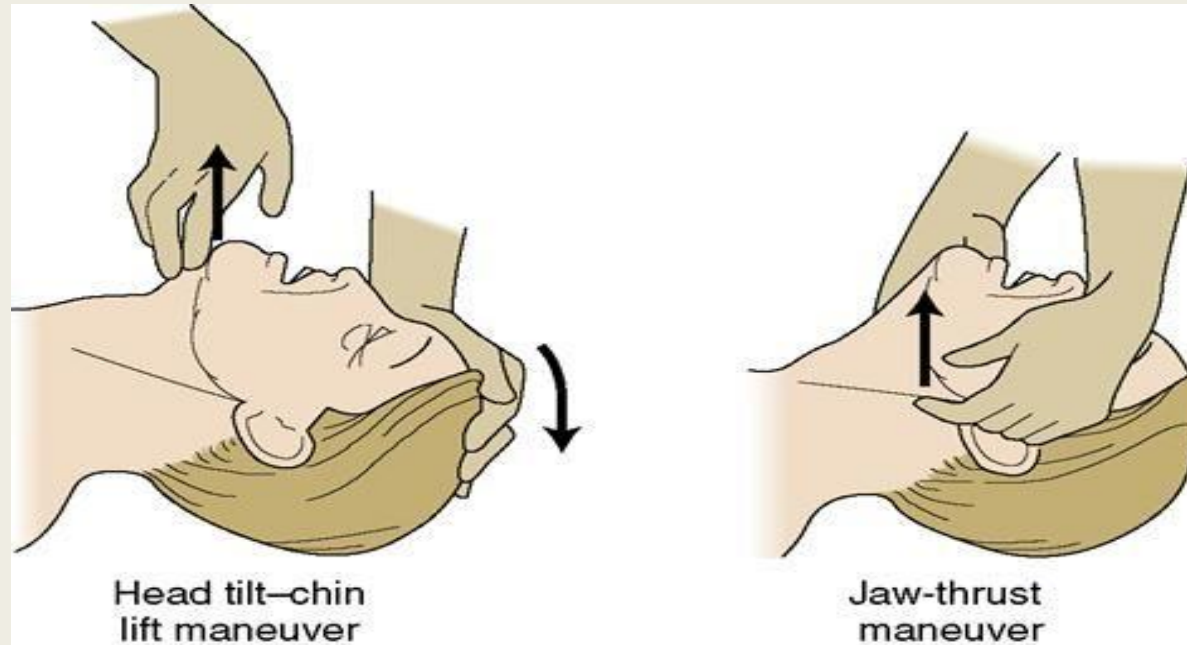
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Airway and ventilation:



Airway devices

Basic:

oropharyngeal AW

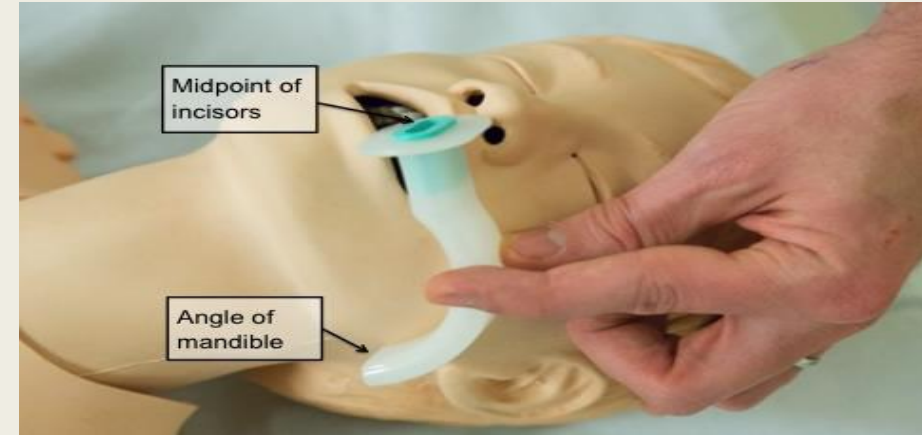
nasopharyngeal AW

Advance:

Endotracheal tube

Laryngeal mask airway

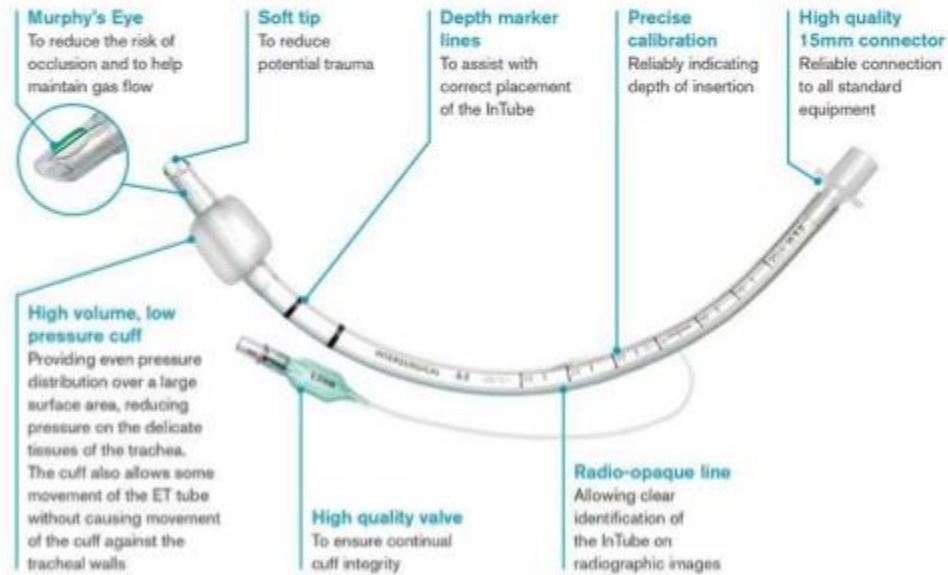
Esophageal tube



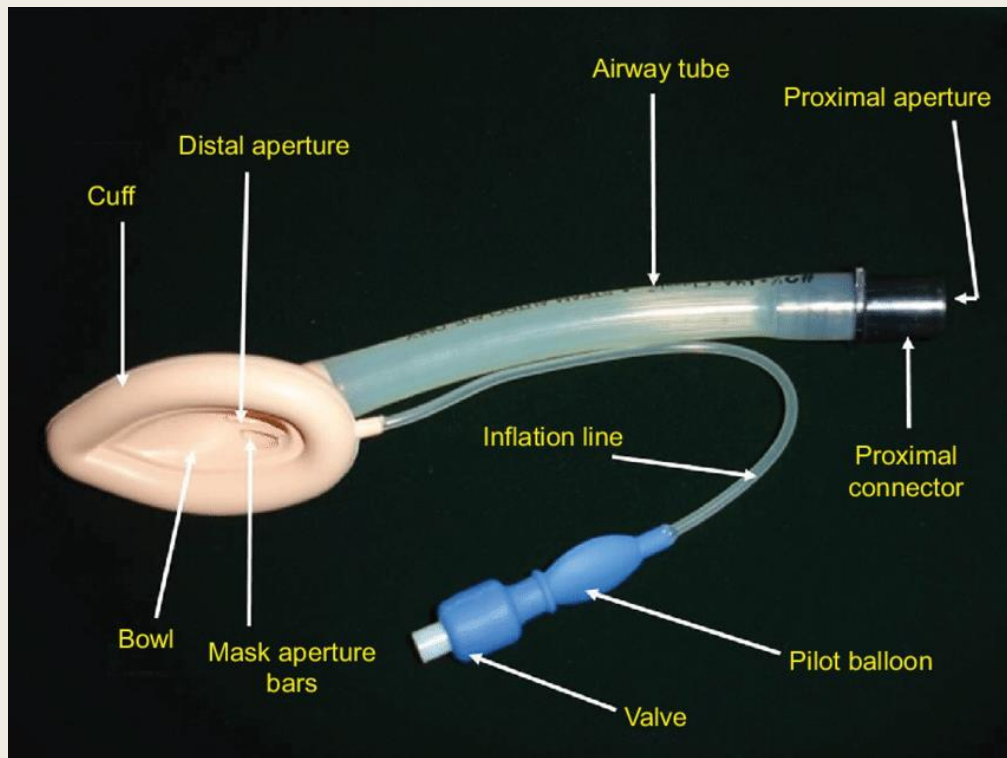
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Neonatal	00	40 mm	Pink
Infant	0	50 mm	Lt Blue
Child	1	60 mm	Black
Small Adult	2	70 mm	White
Adult	3	80 mm	Green
Large Adult	4	90 mm	Yellow
XL Adult	5	100 mm	Red
XXL Adult	6	110 mm	Orange



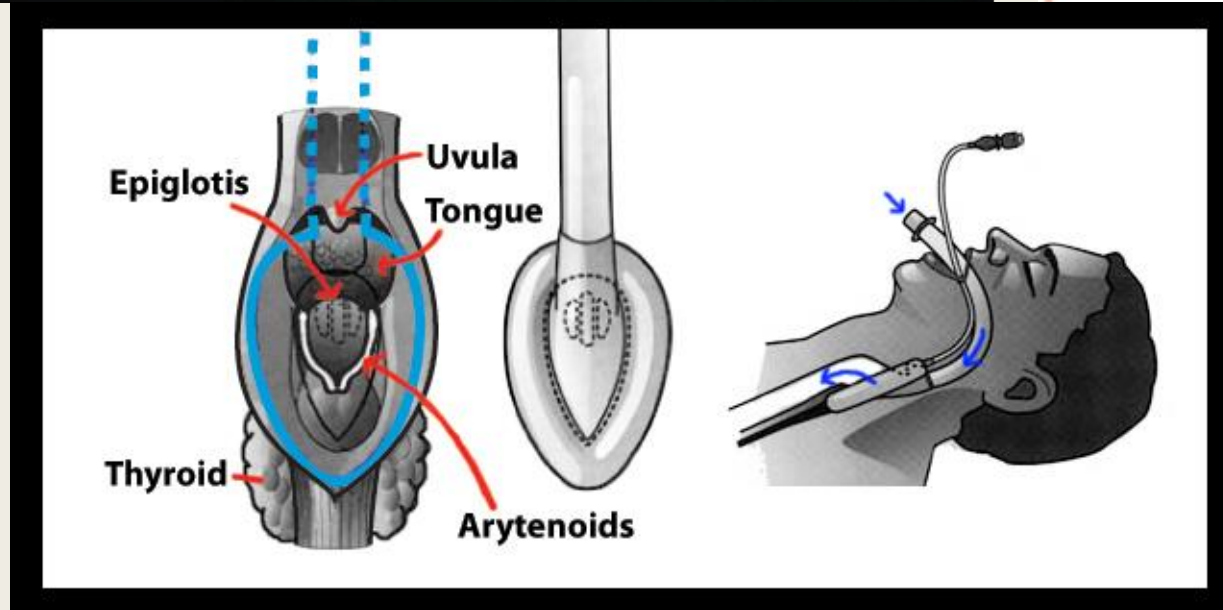
ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE



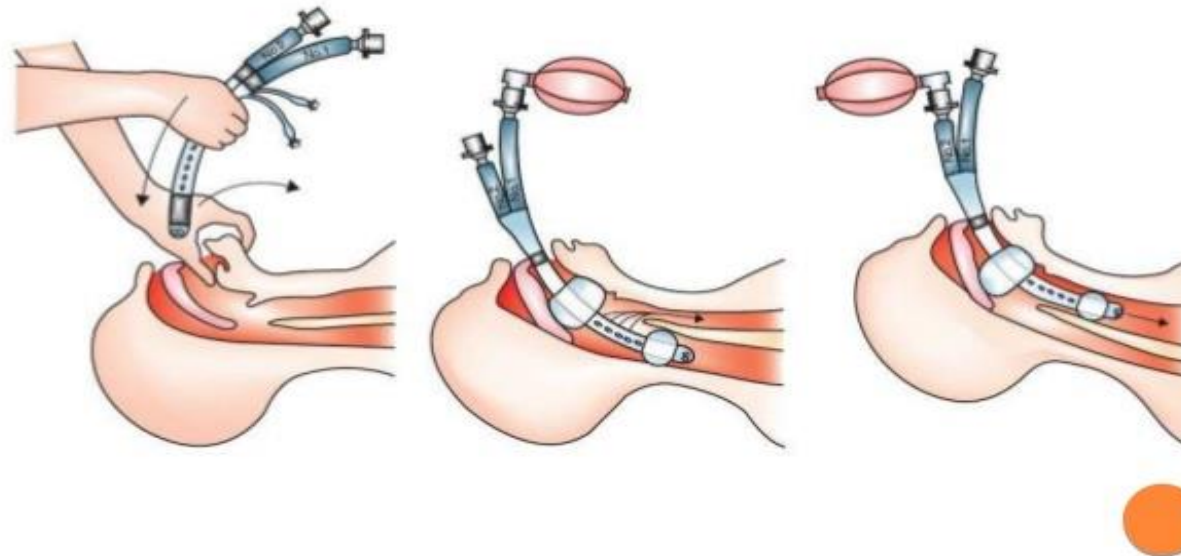
Age	Weight (kg)	ETT inner diameter
Newborn	< 1	2.5
Newborn	2	3.0
Newborn	3	3.0
Newborn	3.5	3.5
3 month	6	3.5
1 year	10	4.0
2 year	12	4.5
3 year	14	4.5
4 year	16	5.0
6 year	20	5.5
8 year	24	6.0
10 year	30	6.5
12 year	38	7.0
14 year	50	7.0
Adult	Woman	7.0
Adult	Man	8.0



LMA™ Size*	Patient Selection Guidelines
1	Neonates/ infants up to 5 kg
1½	Infants 5-10 kg
2	Infants/children 10-20 kg
2½	Children 20-30 kg
3	Children 30-50 kg
4	Adults 50-70 kg
5	Adults 70-100 kg
6	Adults over 100 kg



Esophageal tracheal tube

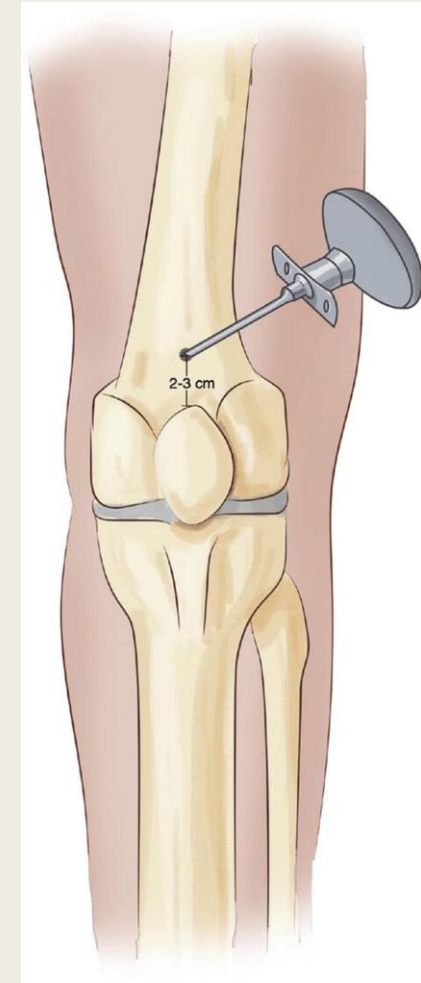


Peripheral IV : usual route

Central IV : best route (donot wait or waste time for cv line)

Intraosseou : in pediatric , also adult

Interatracheal



Amiodarone :

- VT , VF
- 300 mg in 20 ml of N/S
- then 150 mg in 20 ml of N/S
- then infusion of 1 mg/min for 6h and then 0.5 mg/ min for rest of time(max=2g)



Lidocaine :

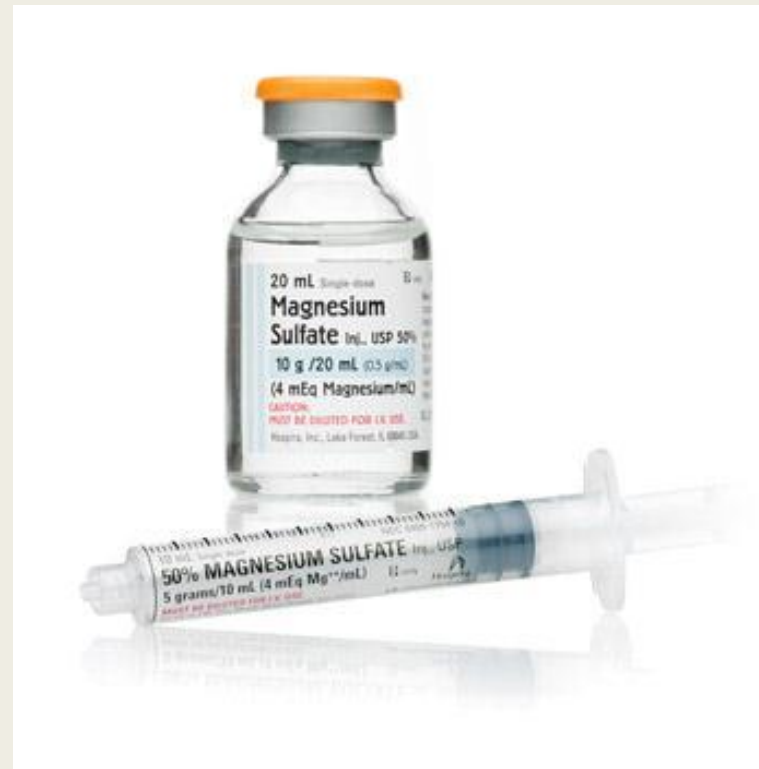
- VT , VF
- 1- 1.5 mg /kg bolus then 2-3 mg /min

Can be give ETT



Magnesium sulfate

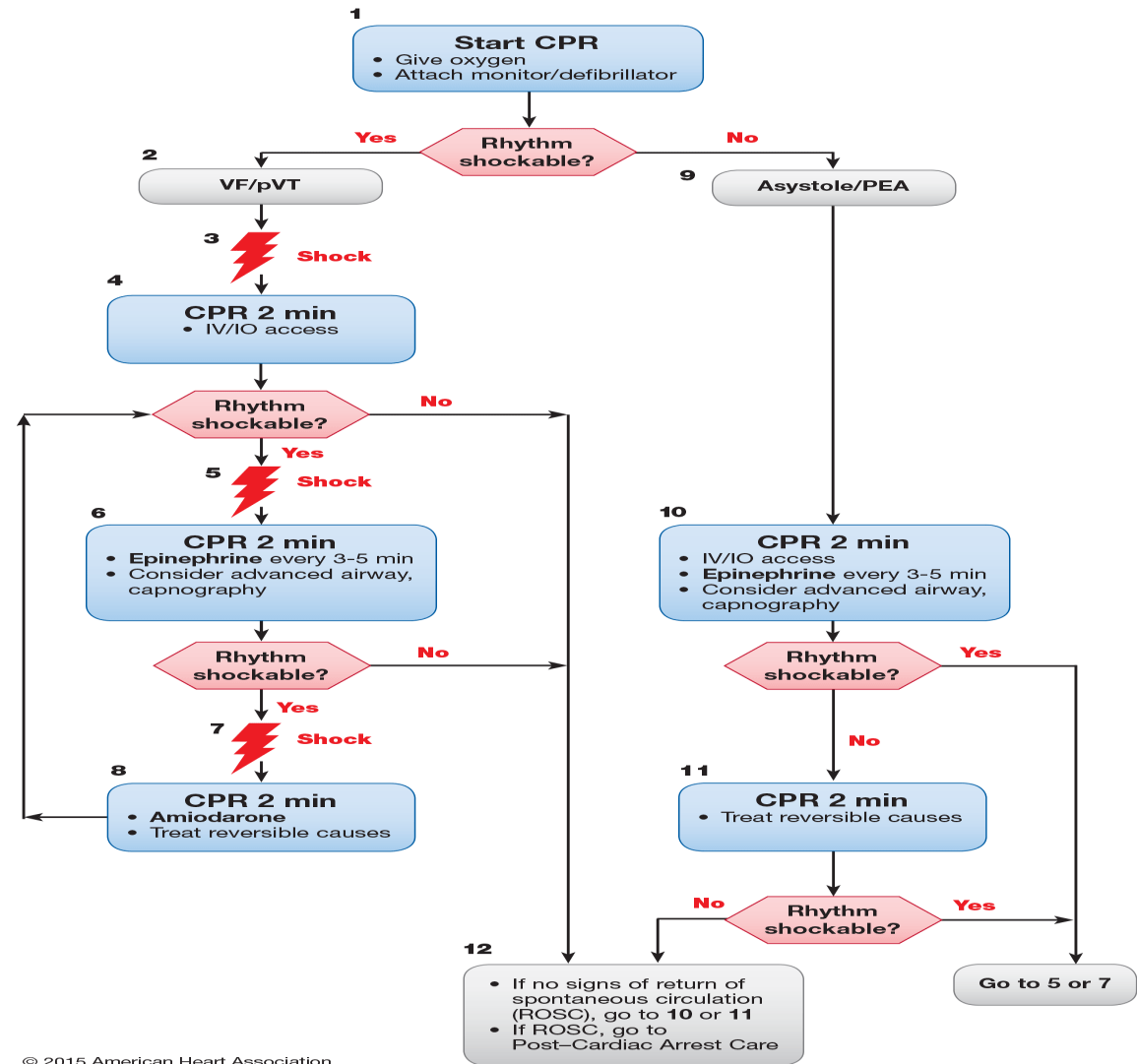
- refractory VT or Vf caused by hypomagnesemia
- torsa de pointes
- 1-2 g over 2min



Epinephrine

- α , β_1 , β_2
- HR $\uparrow$, BP $\uparrow$, SV $\uparrow$
- 1 mg every 3- 5 min

Adult Cardiac Arrest Algorithm—2015 Update



CPR Quality

- Push hard (at least 2 inches [5 cm]) and fast (100-120/min) and allow complete chest recoil.
- Minimize interruptions in compressions.
- Avoid excessive ventilation.
- Rotate compressor every 2 minutes, or sooner if fatigued.
- If no advanced airway, 30:2 compression-ventilation ratio.
- Quantitative waveform capnography
 - If PETCO₂ <10 mm Hg, attempt to improve CPR quality.
- Intra-arterial pressure
 - If relaxation phase (diastolic) pressure <20 mm Hg, attempt to improve CPR quality.

Shock Energy for Defibrillation

- **Biphasic:** Manufacturer recommendation (eg, initial dose of 120-200 J); if unknown, use maximum available. Second and subsequent doses should be equivalent, and higher doses may be considered.
- **Monophasic:** 360 J

Drug Therapy

- **Epinephrine IV/IO dose:** 1 mg every 3-5 minutes
- **Amiodarone IV/IO dose:** First dose: 300 mg bolus. Second dose: 150 mg.

Advanced Airway

- Endotracheal intubation or supraglottic advanced airway
- Waveform capnography or capnometry to confirm and monitor ET tube placement
- Once advanced airway in place, give 1 breath every 6 seconds (10 breaths/min) with continuous chest compressions

Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC)

- Pulse and blood pressure
- Abrupt sustained increase in PETCO₂ (typically ≥40 mm Hg)
- Spontaneous arterial pressure waves with intra-arterial monitoring

Reversible Causes

- Hypovolemia
- Hypoxia
- Hydrogen ion (acidosis)
- Hypo-/hyperkalemia
- Hypothermia
- Tension pneumothorax
- Tamponade, cardiac
- Toxins
- Thrombosis, pulmonary
- Thrombosis, coronary



Resuscitation in Special Situations :

- hypothermia
- pregnancy
- drowning
- trauma
- electricution
- LAST
- covid -19

- Core temperature measurement :

Tympanic - Rectal - Urine bladder

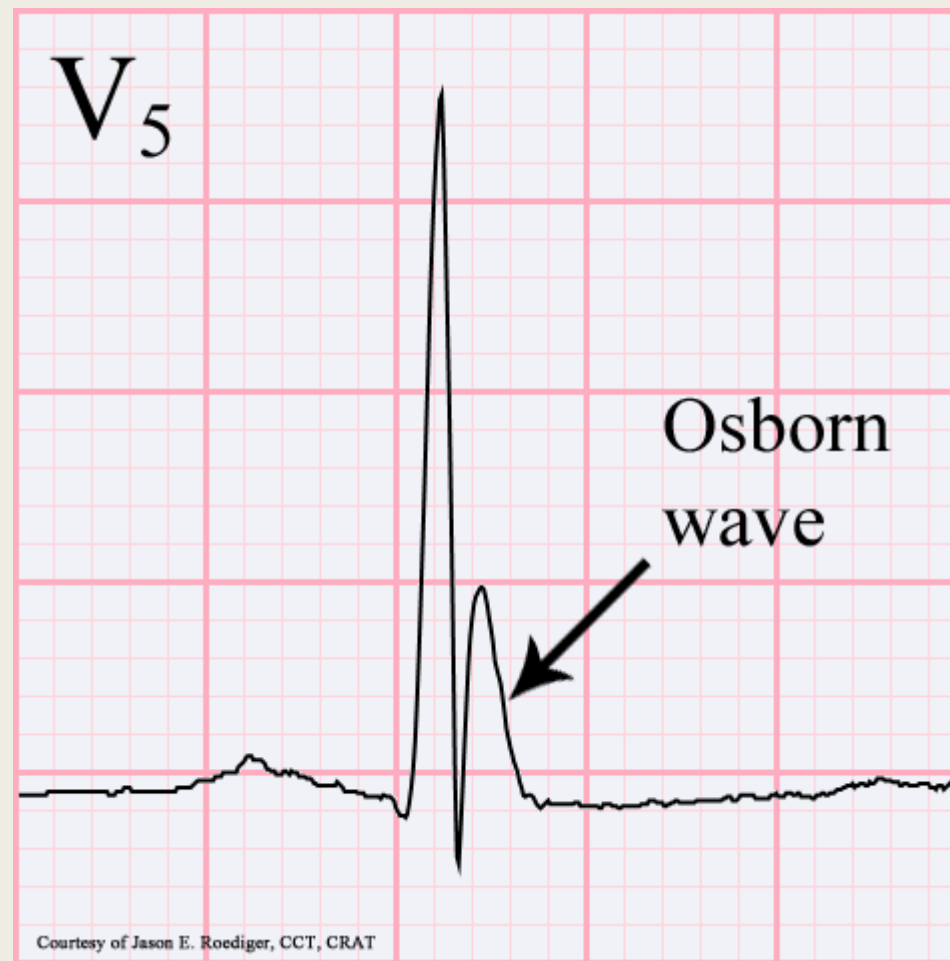
- Classification:

Mild 32 - 35 °C

Moderate 30 - 32°C

Severe < 30°C

ECG in hypothermia
J wave = Osborn wave



■ CPR Modifications in Hypothermia :

- Begin CPR without delay
- More force is needed to compress the chest wall sufficiently (↑ muscle rigidity)
- The efficacy of most medications is temperature dependent ($> 30^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Avoid pharmacologic manipulation of pulse and blood pressure ($> 30^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Do not quit CPR until the patient rewarmed
- After first 3 shocks, postpone next shocks until $> 30^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Defibrillation attempts are usually unsuccessful until the core temperature is well above 30°C

■ Rewarming :

- Recommended rewarming rates are between 0.5 to 2 °C/hr

- Passive External Rewarming:

Moderate (30°C to 32°C)

Hypothermia with a perfusing rhythm “Wear off the cold and wet clothes ”

Cover with blankets

Increase the room temperature

- Active Rewarming:

- Active External Rewarming

- Active Core Rewarming

Active rewarming:

- Moderate to severe hypothermia ($< 32\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Cardiovascular instability (cardiac arrest)
- Inadequate rate or failure to rewarm
- Endocrinologic insufficiency
- Traumatic or toxicologic peripheral vasodilation
- Secondary hypothermia impairing thermoregulation

Techniques:

- Warm-water lavage of the pleural, peritoneal, gastric and urine bladder cavity (43 °C)
- Extracorporeal blood warming with partial bypass(ECMO)
- IV or introsseous (IO) fluid (43 °C)
- humidified O₂

Maternal Cardiac Arrest

First Responder

- Activate maternal cardiac arrest team
- Document time of onset of maternal cardiac arrest
- Place the patient supine
- Start chest compressions as per BLS algorithm; place hands slightly higher on sternum than usual

Subsequent Responders

Maternal Interventions

Treat per BLS and ACLS Algorithms

- Do not delay defibrillation
- Give typical ACLS drugs and doses
- Ventilate with 100% oxygen
- Monitor waveform capnography and CPR quality
- Provide post-cardiac arrest care as appropriate

Maternal Modifications

- Start IV above the diaphragm
- Assess for hypovolemia and give fluid bolus when required
- Anticipate difficult airway; experienced provider preferred for advanced airway placement
- If patient receiving IV/IO magnesium prearrest, stop magnesium and give IV/IO calcium chloride 10 mL in 10% solution, or calcium gluconate 30 mL in 10% solution
- Continue all maternal resuscitative interventions (CPR, positioning, defibrillation, drugs, and fluids) during and after cesarean section

Obstetric Interventions for Patient With an Obviously Gravid Uterus*

- Perform manual left uterine displacement (LUD)—displace uterus to the patient's left to relieve aortocaval compression
- Remove both internal and external fetal monitors if present

Obstetric and neonatal teams should immediately prepare for possible emergency cesarean section

- If no ROSC by 4 minutes of resuscitative efforts, consider performing immediate emergency cesarean section
- Aim for delivery within 5 minutes of onset of resuscitative efforts

*An obviously gravid uterus is a uterus that is deemed clinically to be sufficiently large to cause aortocaval compression

Causes

- **Bleeding /DIC**
- **Embolism (pulmonary, coronary , amniotic)**
- **Anesthetic complication**
- **Uterine atony**
- **Cardiac disease(MI, ischemia ,Ao dissection, CMP)**
- **HTN(preeclampsia ,eclamsia)**
- **Placentaprevia , placenta abruptio**
- **sepsis**

■ Class I intervention:

- Give **100%** oxygen
- Establish intravenous (IV) access ***above the diaphragm***
- Assess for hypotension; warrants therapy has been defined as a systolic blood pressure ***<100 mmHg or 80% of baseline***
- patient who is not in arrest, both ***crystalloid*** and colloid solutions increase preload.

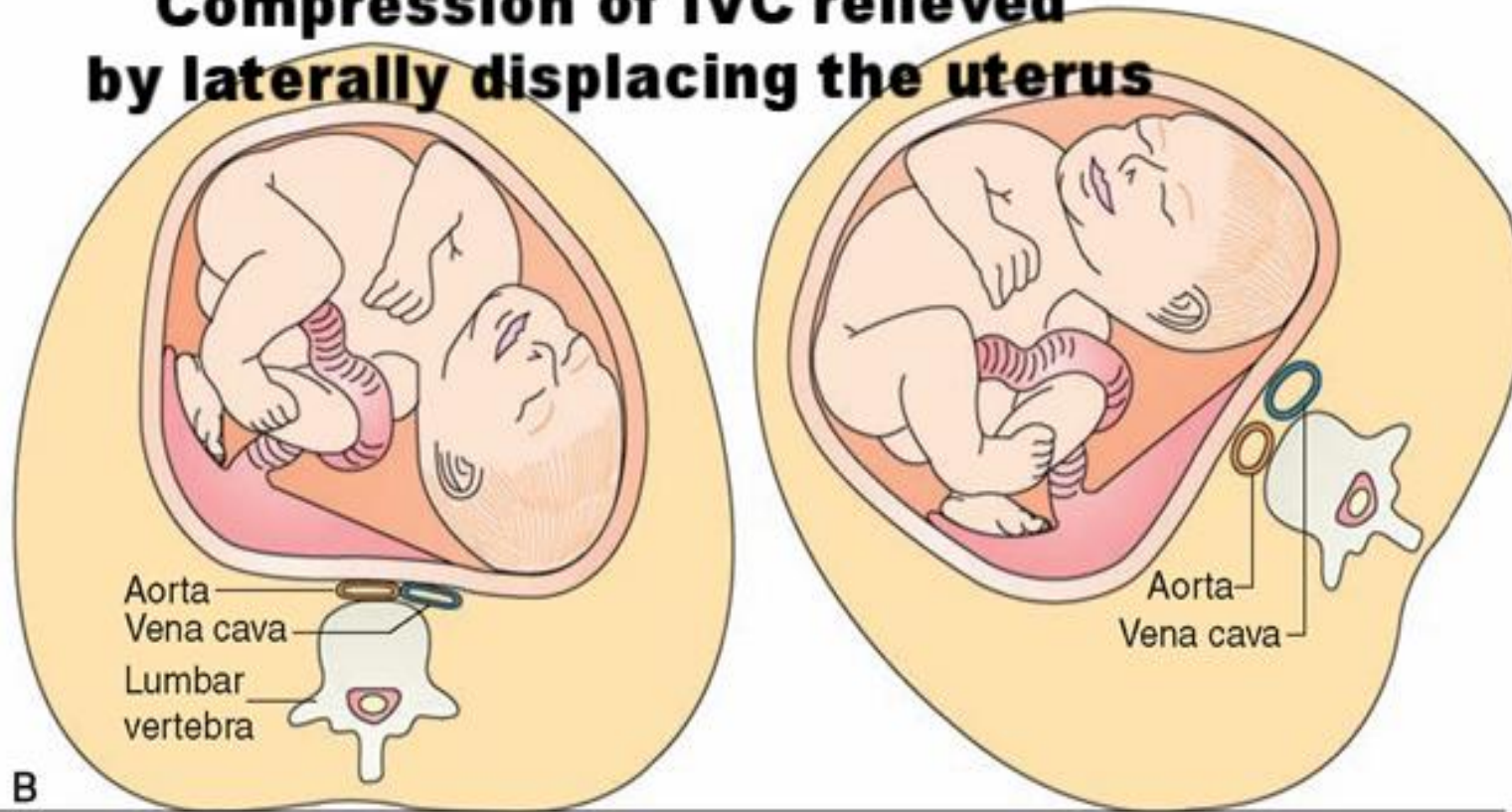
CPR in pregnancy:

- CPR interventions aim to rescue always ***FIRST the mother***
- Standard ACLS algorithms require ***no modification***
- ***No need*** to adjust resuscitative ***drug doses***

Prevent cardiac arrest:

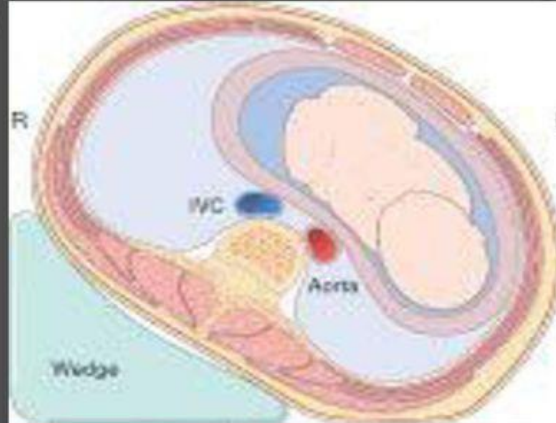
- Place the patient in the ***full left-lateral position*** to relieve possible compression of the inferior vena cava
- Maternal aortocaval compression can occur for singleton pregnancies at 20 weeks of gestational age

**Compression of IVC relieved
by laterally displacing the uterus**

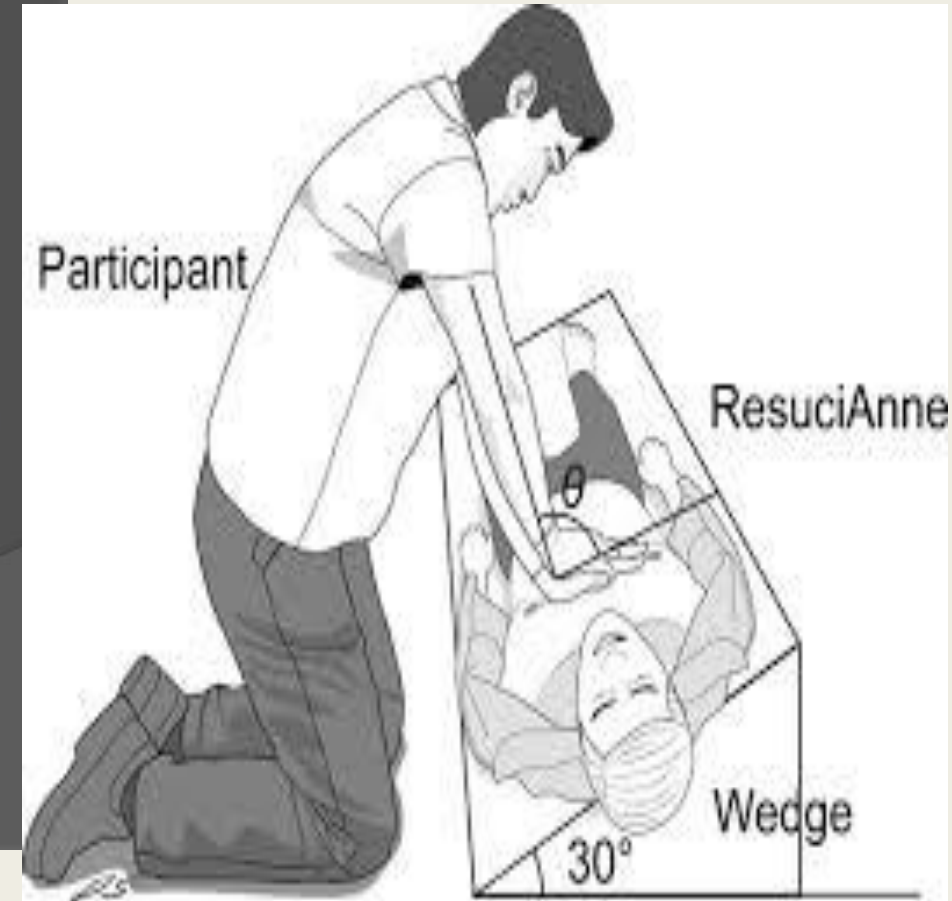


Cardiac arrest in pregnancy

- **place the patient supine**
- **start BLS**
- **place hand slightly higher**
- **donot delay defibrillation**
- **ventilation with 100% o2(intubation is essential in pregnant)**
- **capnograph**
- **ACLS drug doses**



Patient in a 30° left-lateral tilt using a firm wedge to support pelvis and thorax



- Left uterine displacement - patient's left side with the 2-handed technique
- The patient's right side with the 1-handed technique , depending on the positioning of the resuscitation team.
- If chest compressions remain inadequate after lateral uterine displacement or left-lateral tilt, immediate emergency cesarean section should be considered.





■ Airway :

- Aspiration risk → Early intubation & cricoid pressure
- Laryngeal swelling → Small bore tube (0,5-1 mm ↓)
- Hypoxia risk → Preoxygenation

■ Breathing:

- ↑ Oxygen demand → hypoxia risk
- ↓ Functional residual capacity → faster desaturation
- Elevated diaphragm → ↓ ventilation volume

Pregnant Prearrest On Magnesium Treatment

Patients receiving **magnesium** treatment (eclampsia) before cardiac arrest should be applied IV / IO

- 10 ml 10% calcium chloride
- 30 ml 10% calcium gluconate

- iv above diaphragm
- hypovolemia ? (fluid bolus)
- ready for difficult AW

Rapid developing hypoxemia(FRC↓)

- if patient receive MgS prearrest , stop Mg , start iv **Ca-chloride 10% (10 ml)**

Or Ca-gluconate 10% (30ml)

- continue CPR during and after C/S

Recommendation for emergency C/S

- Maternal hypotension can result in *placental perfusion* ↓
 - when the gravid uterus is large enough to cause maternal hemodynamic changes due to Aortocaval compression
 - emergency C/S regardless to fetus viability while resuscitating
 - if there is no ROSC by 4 min of CPR → consider immediate C/S
- aim for delivery within 5 min of onset CPR

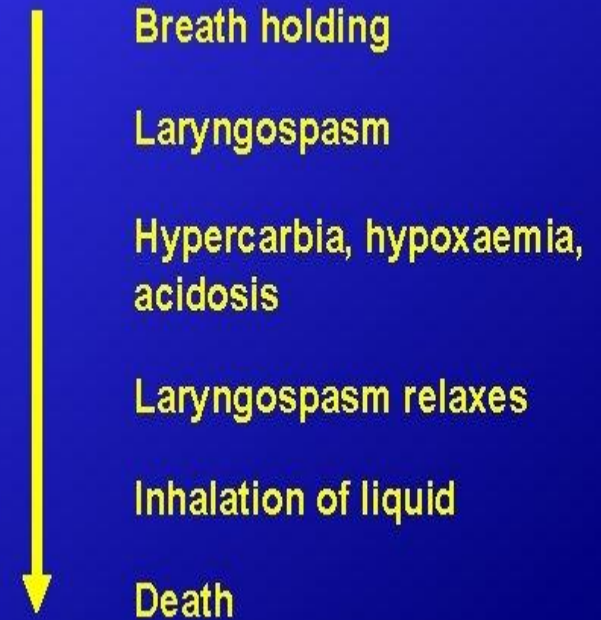
Drowning :

- The process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion / immersion in liquid

Immersion = to be covered in water

Submersion = the whole body under water

The drowning process



- If water $T > 6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, survival / resuscitation is extremely unlikely if **submerged > 30 min**
- If water $T \geq 6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, survival / resuscitation is extremely unlikely if **submerged > 90 min**

Salt vs Fresh Water:

fresh water more dangerous than salt waters

- **Prehospital:**

CPR (initiate ventilation in water if possible)

ABC not CAB

No benefit of Heimlich maneuver

Prevent hypothermia

Cervical collar not needed if no trauma (cervical injury incidence only 0.5%)

- **Hospital :**

- Pulmonary support

- ABG, electrolyte

- Intubate alert victims if pulmonary function impaired ($ALI\ PaO_2/FiO_2 \leq 300$)

- Use of surfactant, ECMO, NO₂ needs more evidence

- CPAP or PEEP ≥ 10 cmH₂O for best SaO₂ with lowest FiO₂

- Prophylactic antibiotics??

- No steroids

■ ***Traumatic cardiac arrest :***

1- suspect cervical injury

2- in chest trauma suspect : tension pneumothorax , cardiac tamponade

→ immediate thoracotomy & open CPR

3- volume resuscitation : 2 lit fluid through 2 large bore iv

■ *Electricution*

Danger of cardiac arrest :

- Major factors:
 - magnitude of current
 - duratuion of exposure
- Minor of factors :
 - type of current (AC worse than DC)
 - resistance of skin and tissue

< 1 mA : Tingling

50 – 30 mA : Lets go current

40 – 50 mA : Respiratory arrest

50 – 100 mA: VF

> 10 A : Prolonged apnea

Electricity travels along NN and VV

Burns are often full thickness : may extend to bone , may require debridement, escharotomy , fasciotomy , amputation

■ remember secondary injury:

- Cervical spine or other bony Fx

- Head injury

- myoglobinuria

Management :

- Turn off current
- ABC
- Protect cervical spine & treat injuries
- Iv fluid for severe burn and myoglobineuria:

U/o → 100 ml/h

mannitol 25 g iv then 12.5 g/h for 6 h

to urine alkalization → sodium bicarb

Surgical consultation

Local Anesthetic systemic Toxicity (LAST):

■ LA toxicity → CNS , heart → seizure , dysrhythmia , arrest

Cardiac arrest → same algorithm but *lipid preparation* specific

◦ *intralipid* → administered concurrently as part of ACLS

Dose: *1.5 ml/kg* of 20% or

100ml for >70 kg & 1.5 ml/kg for <70kg

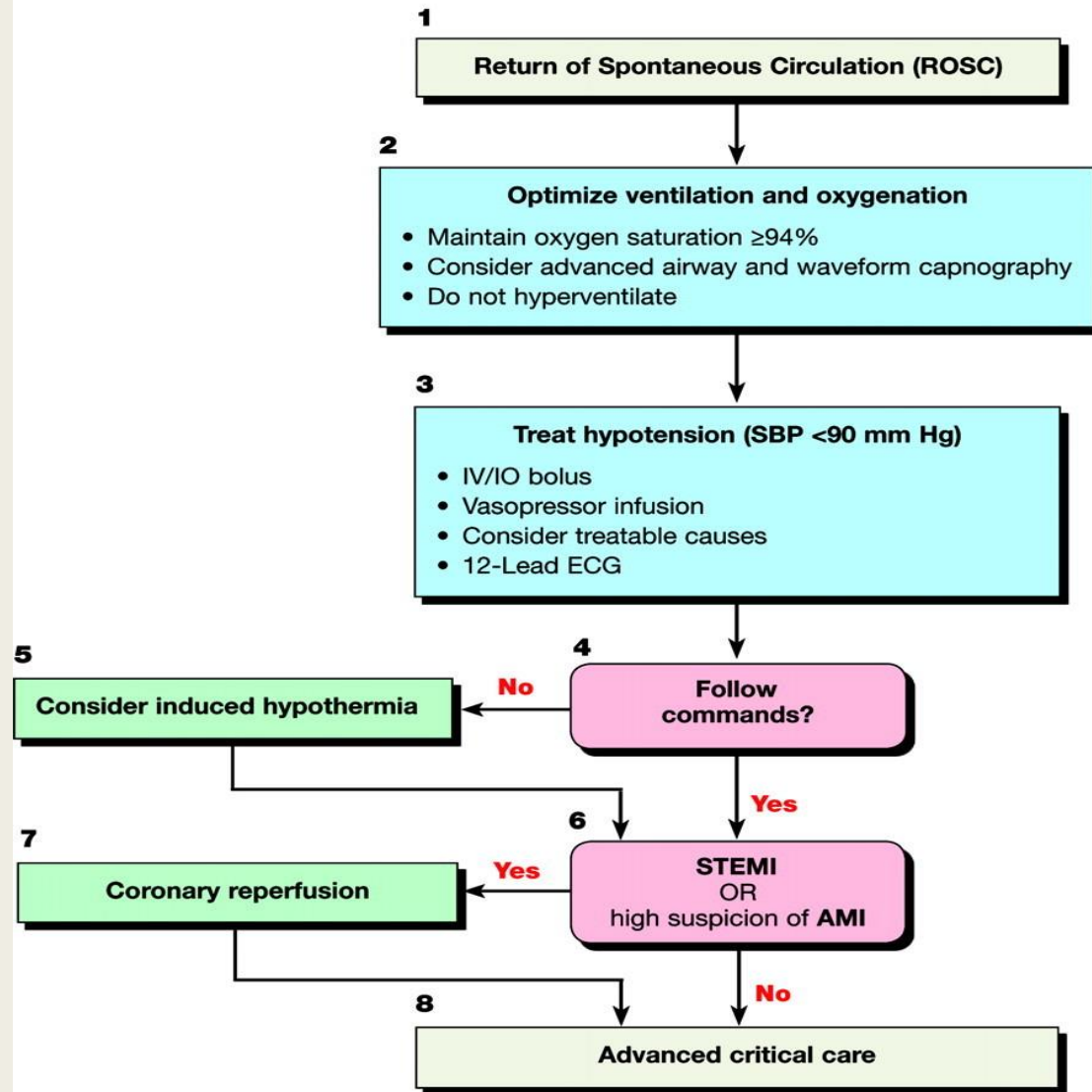
Initial bolus : 0.25 ml/kg/min

Cardiac life support of patients with covid-19:

- **personal protective Equipment (PPE) and availability before CPR**
- **High Efficacy Particular Air(HEPA) filter for bag-mask ventilation and mechanical ventilation**
- **emphasize early intubation , use video laryngoscope , stop chest compression while intubation performed**
- **if intubation is delayed (→supraglottic device)**
- **avoid prolonged resuscitation**



Adult Immediate Post-Cardiac Arrest Care



Doses/Details

Ventilation/Oxygenation

Avoid excessive ventilation. Start at 10-12 breaths/min and titrate to target PETCO₂ of 35-40 mm Hg. When feasible, titrate FIO₂ to minimum necessary to achieve SpO₂ $\geq 94\%$.

IV Bolus

1-2 L normal saline or lactated Ringer's. If inducing hypothermia, may use 4°C fluid.

Epinephrine IV Infusion:

0.1-0.5 mcg/kg per minute (in 70-kg adult: 7-35 mcg per minute)

Dopamine IV Infusion:

5-10 mcg/kg per minute

Norepinephrine

IV Infusion:

0.1-0.5 mcg/kg per minute (in 70-kg adult: 7-35 mcg per minute)

Reversible Causes

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- Hypoxia
- Hydrogen ion (acidosis)
- Hypo-/hyperkalemia
- Hypothermia
- Tension pneumothorax
- Tamponade, cardiac
- Toxins
- Thrombosis, pulmonary
- Thrombosis, coronary

- **Unconscious** → advanced airway for **mechanical support** of breathing
 - necessary → **replace**: supraglottic airway used for initial resuscitation with an **endotracheal tube**
 - several simple maneuvers :
 - should **avoid** → **ties** circumferentially around the **neck** → potentially **obstructing** venous return from the brain → **cerebral edema**
 - **elevate** the head of the bed **30°** if tolerated → **reduce** → incidence of **cerebral edema**, **aspiration**, and **ventilatory-associated pneumonia**
 - **Hyperventilation** or “**overbagging**” → common after cardiac arrest → should be **avoided** Hyperventilation → **intrathoracic pressure** ↑ → CO ↓
- PaCO₂** ↓ seen : hyperventilation → CBF ↓ directly. Ventilation → **10 to 12 breaths / minute** and titrated → **PETCO₂ of 35 to 40 mm Hg** or a **PaCO₂ of 40 to 45 mm Hg**
- Sedation: Opioid , Midazolam , Muscle relaxants**

Induced hypothermia:

Brain protection and other organs → **hypothermia** → **helpful** therapeutic → patients who *remain comatose* (usually defined as a lack of meaningful response to verbal commands) after ROSC

Cooling onset : during 2h (median 8h) from ROSC

Duration: 12 – 24 h (up to 72 h in neonate)

IV ice-cold fluids (500 mL to 30 mL/kg of saline 0.9% or Ringer's lactate). Caseseries showed that the deterioration in oxygenation that often occurs after ROSC was not significantly affected by the infusion of cold fluids

patient's **core temperature** : *esophageal thermometer, bladder catheter* in nonanuric patients, or *pulmonary artery catheter*

should be cooled to 32°C to 34°C

Pulmonary dysfunction :common.

(1)hydrostatic pulmonary edema from left ventricular dysfunction (2)noncardiogenic edema from inflammatory(3) infective, or physical injuries; (4)severe pulmonary atelectasis(5) aspiration →V/Q mismatch. severity → $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FIO}_2$

■ A $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FIO}_2$ ratio of ≤ 300 mm Hg → ALI.

■chest x-ray : acute onset of bilateral infiltrates & PAWP $\leq$ 18 mm Hg or no evidence of left atrial hypertension are common → **ALI** and **ARDS**. ($\text{PaO}_2/\text{FIO}_2$ ratio <300 or <200 mm Hg separates acute lung injury from ARDS, respectively).

■T_v 6-8 ml/kg ,(PEEP) and titrated FIO_2 are strategies

■ beneficial effect of high FIO_2 on systemic oxygen delivery should be balanced with the deleterious effect of generating oxygen-derived free radicals during the reperfusion phase

Fio2 decrease where o2 sat : 94-96%

■ ***Ventilation rate*** and volume → titrated to maintain high-normal ***Paco₂ (40 to 45 mm Hg)*** or ***PETCO₂ (35 to 40 mm Hg)***

Drug	Typical Starting Dose (Then Titrate to Effect)
Epinephrine	0.1–0.5 mcg/kg/min (In 70-kg adult, 7–35 mcg/min)
	• Useful for symptomatic bradycardia if atropine and transcutaneous pacing fail or if pacing is not available • Used to treat severe hypotension (eg, systolic blood pressure <70 mm Hg) • Useful for anaphylaxis associated with hemodynamic instability or respiratory distress¹⁵⁸
Norepinephrine	0.1–0.5 mcg/kg/min (In 70-kg adult, 7–35 mcg/min)
	• Used to treat severe hypotension (eg, systolic blood pressure <70 mm Hg) and a low total peripheral resistance • Relatively contraindicated in patients with hypovolemia. It may increase myocardial oxygen requirements, mandating cautious use in patients with ischemic heart • Usually induces renal and mesenteric vasoconstriction; in sepsis, however, norepinephrine improves renal blood flow and urine output^{159,160}
Phenylephrine	0.5–2.0 mcg/kg/min (In 70-kg adult, 35–140 mcg/min)
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- Used to treat hypotension, especially if it is associated with symptomatic bradycardia
- Although low-dose dopamine infusion has frequently been recommended to maintain renal blood flow or improve renal function, more recent data have failed to show a benefit from such therapy^{161,162}

Dobutamine 5–10 mcg/kg/min

- The (+) isomer is a potent beta-adrenergic agonist, whereas the (–) isomer is a potent alpha-1-agonist¹⁶³
- The vasodilating beta₂-adrenergic effects of the (+) isomer counterbalance the vasoconstricting alpha-adrenergic effects, often leading to little change or a reduction in systemic vascular resistance

Milrinone Load 50 mcg/kg over 10 minutes then infuse at 0.375 mcg/kg/min

- Used to treat low cardiac output
- May cause less tachycardia than dobutamine

Fluid administration as well as vasoactive (norepinephrine), inotropic (dobutamine), and inodilator (milrinone) → titrated → optimize BP, CO, systemic perfusion .

- ideal targets for blood pressure or blood oxygenation : $\text{MAP} \geq 65 \text{ mm Hg}$ and an $\text{ScvO}_2 \geq 70\%$

- **hyperglycemia** Strategies : target *moderate glycemic control* (**144 to 180 mg/dL [8 to 10 mmol/L]**) may be considered in adult patients with ROSC after cardiac arrest

- **steroids** : no (sepsis?)

- CNS protection : seizure & neuroprotection

