

Unexplained Hypotension – Diagnostic Prompt

INITIAL MANAGEMENT

1 ABCDE assessment

2 Ensure large bore IV access

3 Send VBG

4 Request portable CXR

5 Do an ECG

6 Start IV fluids unless contraindicated

7 Inform senior

THINK and consider following diagnoses

Could this be **CARDIAC TAMPONADE?**

→ Examine and ultrasound

Could this be **TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX?**

→ Examine and ultrasound

→ If peri-arrest consider bilateral thoracotomies

Could this be a **RUPTURED AORTA/INTRA-ABDOMINAL BLEED?**

→ Perform a FAST Scan

→ Measure aorta (>4.5 cm consider AAA and CT)

→ If any concerns contact Vascular SpR bleep 8004, OOH via switchboard

Could this be **RETROPERITONEAL BLEEDING?**

→ Examine and ultrasound

Could this be **PULMONARY EMBOLISM?**

→ See massive PE prompt card