

Starting Vasoactive Medications (Inotropes/Vasopressors) (adults only)

- 1 ED Consultant or ITU SpR/consultant requests inotropes for use in resus
- 2 Do you have a **patent dedicated CENTRAL line lumen** for inotrope administration?
- 3 Does the patient have an arterial line? Is CVC correctly sited? (see CVC insertion prompt card on intranet)
- 4 Ensure the dedicated lumen is primed with infusion double swan lock connector
- 5 ALWAYS use dedicated **ALARIS PUMP** (2 in ED resus)
- 6 How to make up vasopressors:
 - **Noradrenaline** 4 mg + 46 mL of 5% dextrose = total volume of 50 mL
 - **Adrenaline (1 in 1000)** 4 mg + 46 mL of 5% dextrose = total volume of 50 mL
- 7 Bleep **ITU SpR** (RSCH 8413, PRH 3010) and **Critical Care Outreach Team** (RSCH 8495, PRH 6331) if not already present before starting the infusion
- 8 Critical Care Outreach can advise/help with **double pumping** vasopressors if there is an expected delay before ITU transfer. Outreach Bleep RSCH 8495 (8am-8pm), PRH 6331