



# Top Tips in Stabilisation of the Collapsed Neonate & Infant

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# Parents bring baby to ED

- 12 day old female infant
- Presented to the ED with 48 hour history of:
  - Poor feeding
  - Lethargy
  - Pallor
  - Reduced wet nappies
- **Born at 35+6, birth weight of 3.1kg**
- **Observed on PNW for 48 hours.**
- **No sepsis risk factors & remained well; normal baby check --> discharged home**
- **S/B community midwife day 4 and prescription for chloramphenicol arranged for a sticky eye.**

# In Triage: Nurse Assessment

- Baby quiet and pale
- Eyes sticky, runny nose and cough noted
- Observations:
  - HR 192
  - RR 68
  - Sats 88-94% in air (poor trace)
  - Cap refill time 7 seconds centrally

# Medical Assessment

System	Findings
<b><i>Airway</i></b>	Patent. No concerns.
<b><i>Breathing</i></b>	Sats 95% in 15L facemask O2 Increased work of breathing, RR~70 Chest clear except transmitted upper airway sound
<b><i>Circulation</i></b>	HR 200 regular BP 42 systolic CRT 7 secs centrally Weak but palpable pulses throughout HS I + II + 0
<b><i>Disability</i></b>	Quiet, responding to pain Hypotonic posture Soft anterior fontanelle
<b><i>Exposure</i></b>	Temp 34.6oC Abdo soft, not distended/tender, 3cm liver edge Generally grey/mottled

# Initial Investigation Results

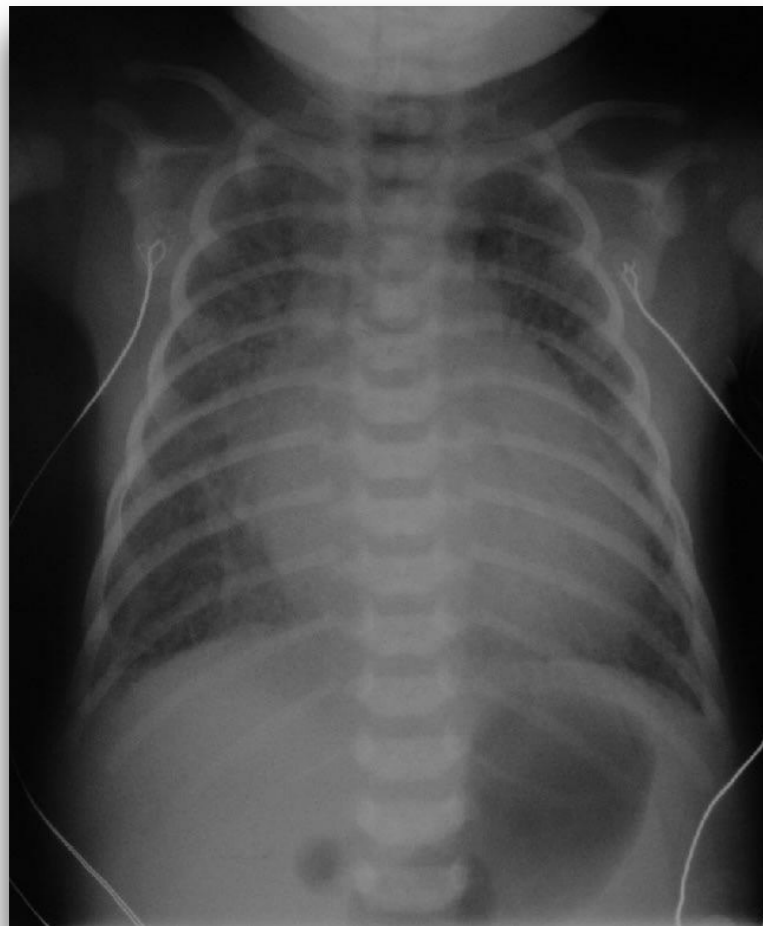


## Venous Blood Gas

pH 6.89  
pCO<sub>2</sub> 7.11  
pO<sub>2</sub> 3.13  
HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> 8.3  
BE -28

Lactate 12  
Na 131  
K 5.7  
Cl 102  
iCa 0.86  
Hb 11.4  
HCT 0.382

Glucose 2.9



What  
Now?

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WELCOME TO YOUR  
WORST NIGHTMARE.

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*The collapsed neonate.*

# Aims

- 5 tips in stabilisation of the neonate & infant
- Improve confidence in dealing with this cohort
- Questions

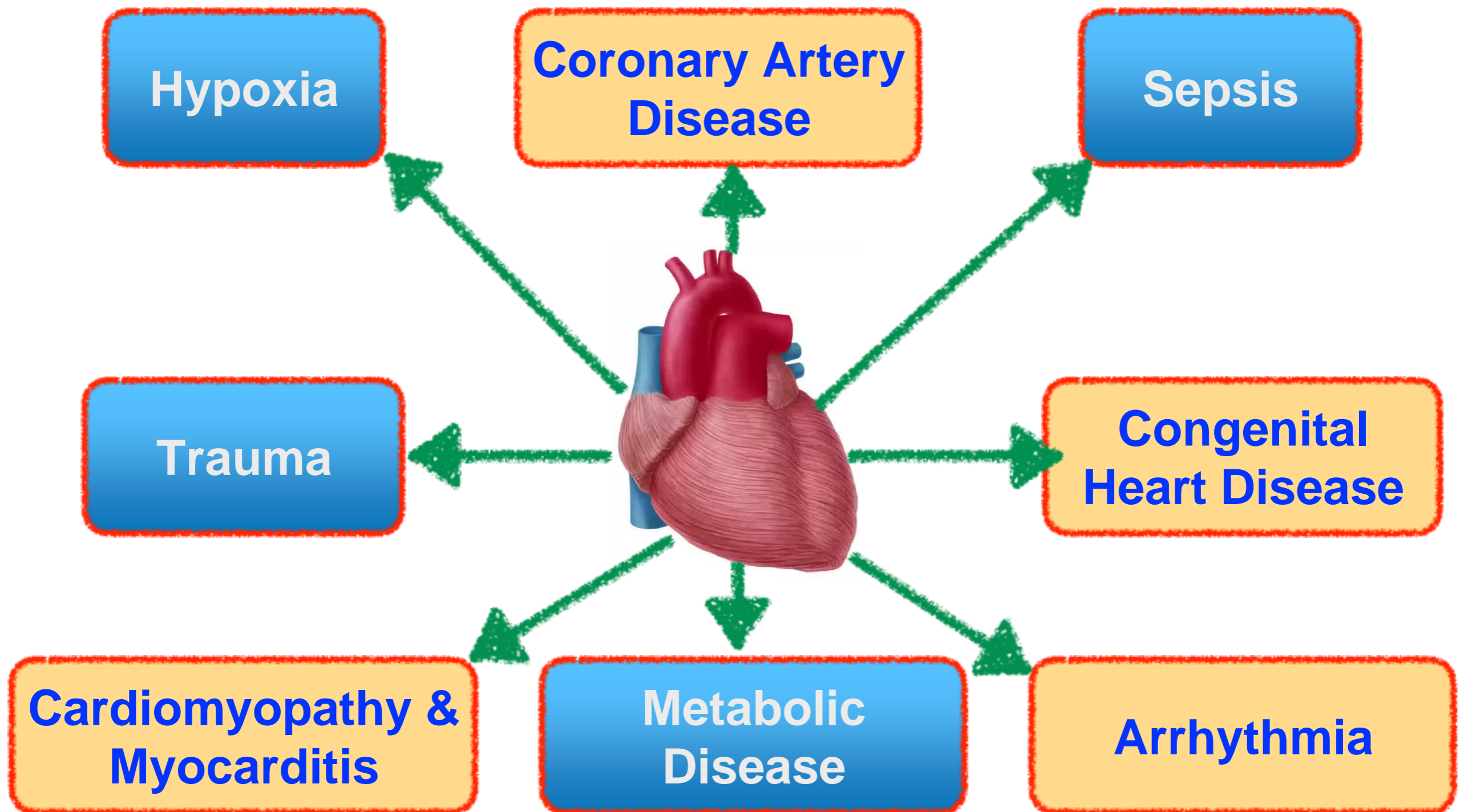


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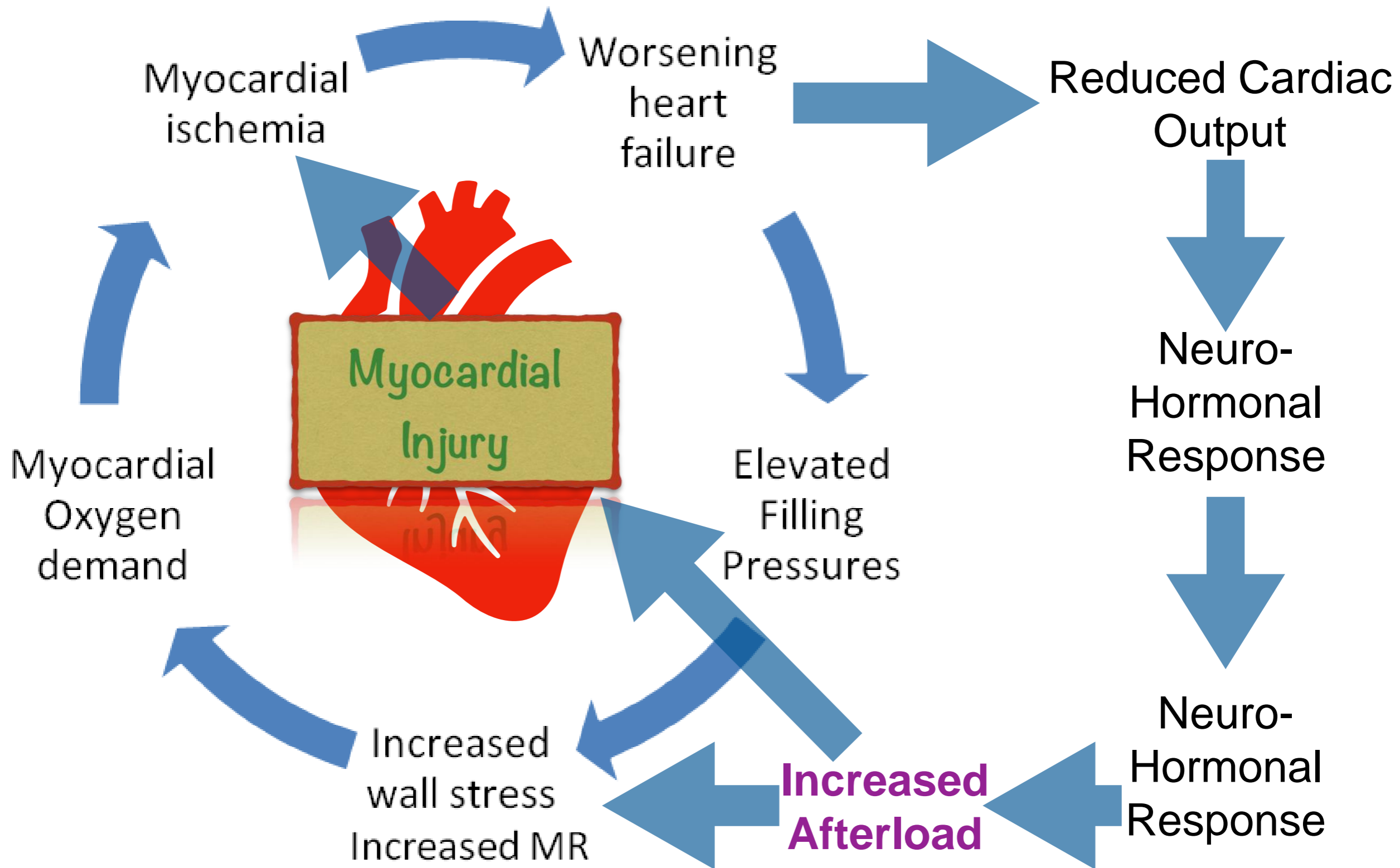
**Look After The Left  
Ventricle**



# What Causes the Myocardial Injury in Infants?



# A Downward Spiral(s)





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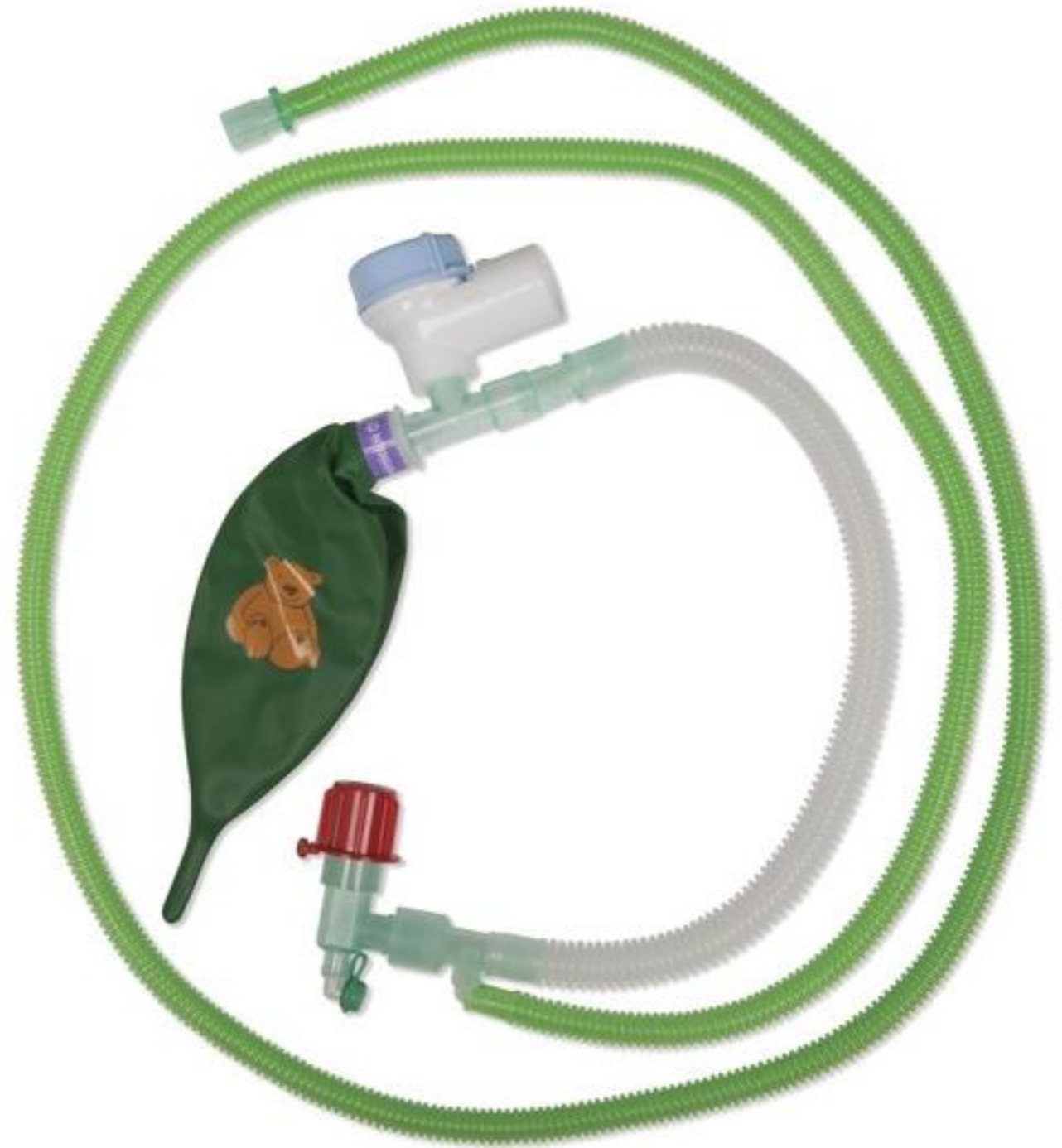
**Maintain Coronary Artery &  
Cerebral Perfusion**

# Restore Physiology

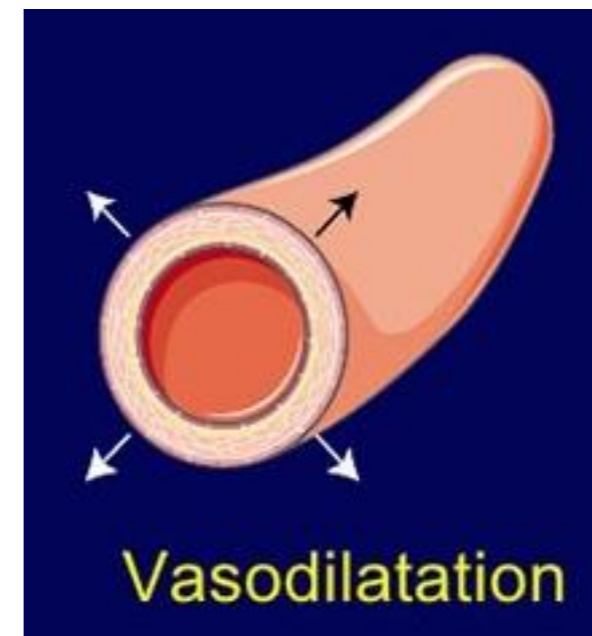
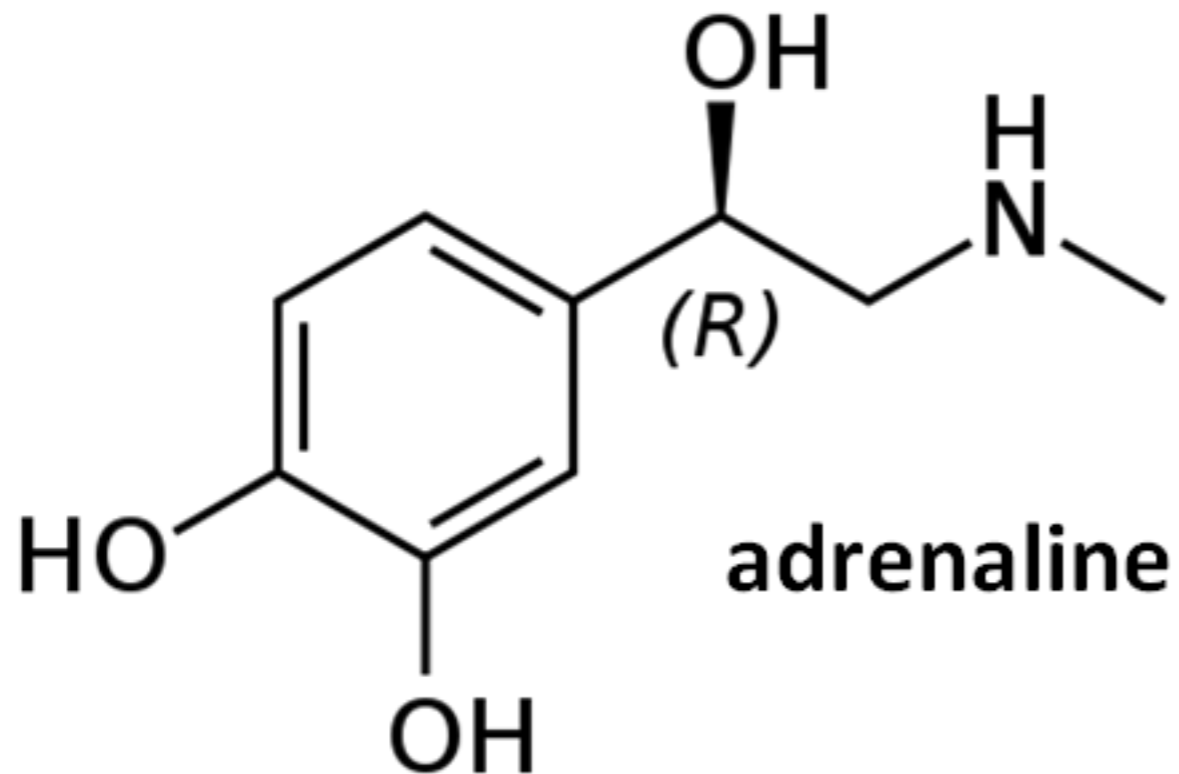
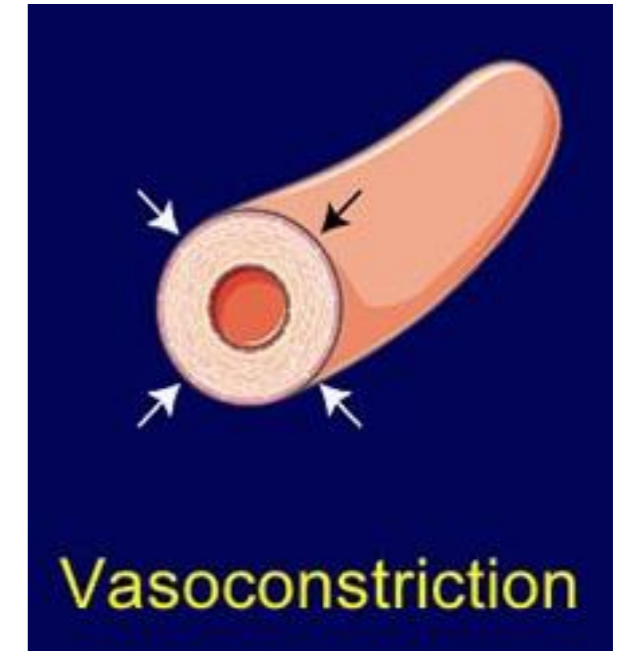
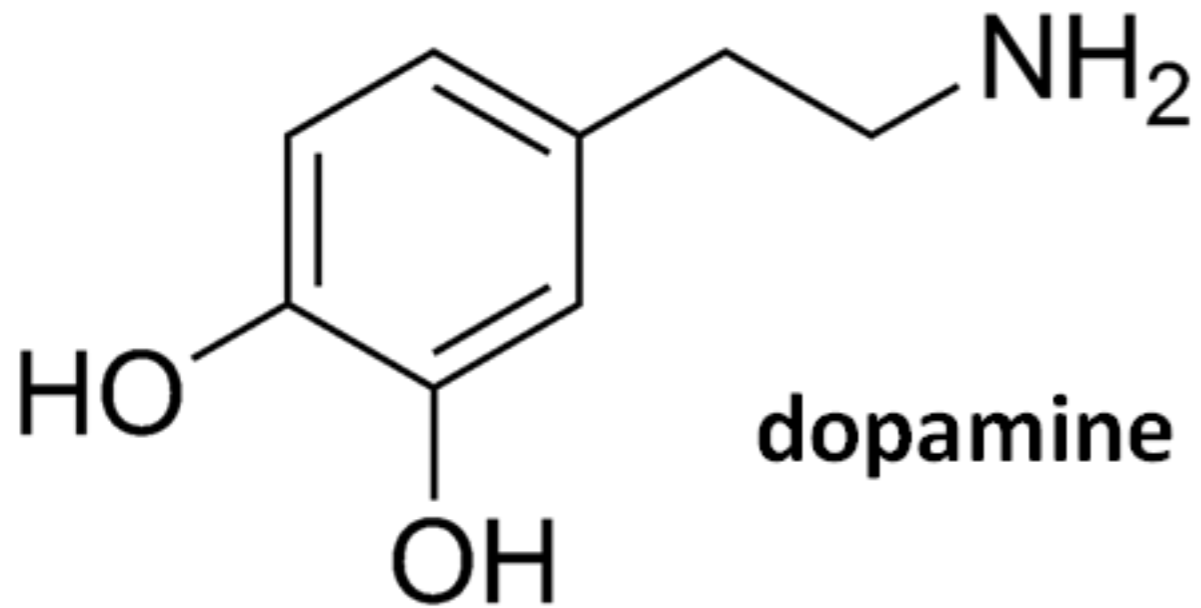
- Presentation of critically unwell children can be varied & non-specific
- Don't get worried in the initial assessment about the diagnosis
- Aim to restore normal physiology quickly

**To keep someone alive - perfuse  
brain and coronaries!**

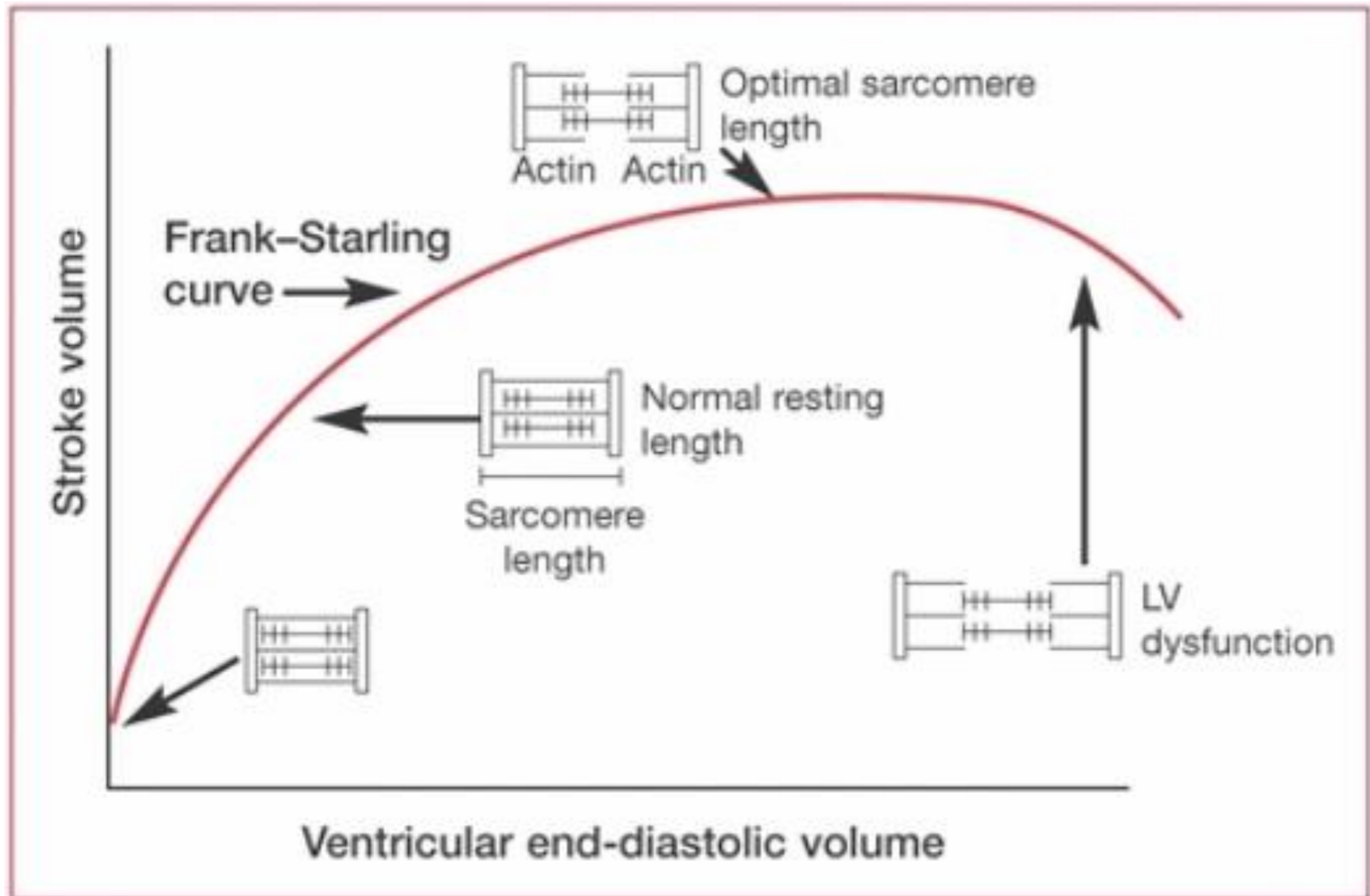
# Oxygenation & PEEP



# Inotrope Strategy



# Fluid?





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**Use An Anaesthetic Recipe  
That Works**



# Anaesthetic Induction Agents



# Resuscitation Drugs

- Volume (crystalloid vs colloid vs blood?)
- Peripheral dopamine infusion
- Uppers
  - Dilute adrenaline (1mcg/kg/ml)
- Cardiac arrest doses of adrenaline (10mcg/kg)
- 10% Calcium gluconate (0.5mls/kg)
- Atropine (20mcg/kg).....????

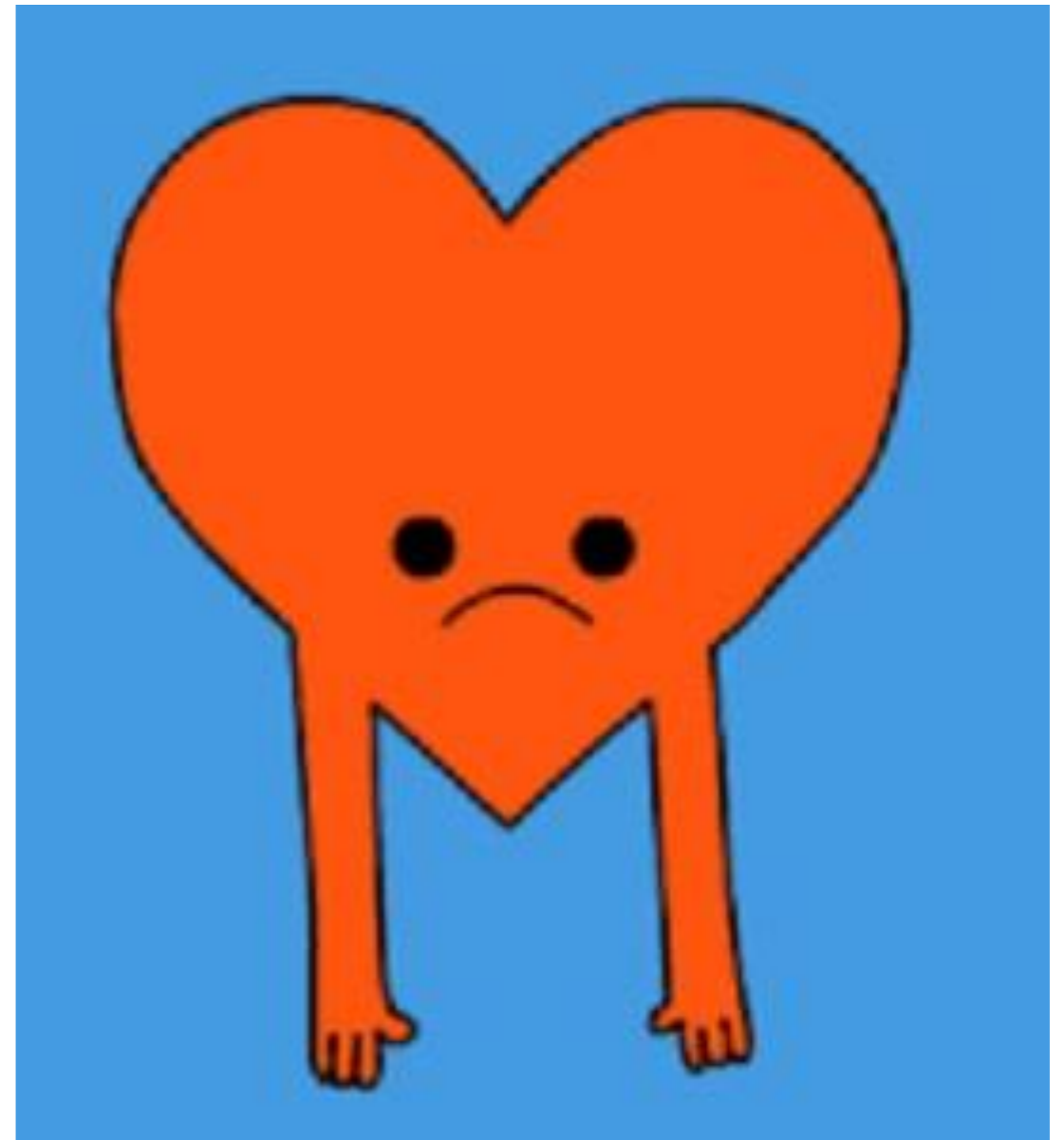


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**Cover All Key Limited  
Diagnoses**

# Classic Presentation

- Lethargic
- Not feeding
- Irritable
- Rapid breathing
- Reduced wet nappies



# Neonatal & Infant Collapse: Causes

Cause		Distinguishing Features	Common Features
<b>S</b>	<b>Sepsis</b> (Any source)	Temp disturbance Risk factors present Raised CRP/WCC	Shock Hypoxia Acidosis DIC AKI LFT derangement Hypoglycaemia Cardiac arrest
<b>C</b>	<b>Cardiac</b> (Congenital, Arrhythmia, Cardiomyopathy)	Murmur Absent pulses Cardiomegaly	
<b>A</b>	<b>Abuse (NAI)</b>	Injuries visible Risk factors present	
<b>M</b>	<b>Metabolic</b>	Profound hypoglycaemia Metabolic acidosis (lactate) Respiratory alkalosis Raised ammonia	
<b>S</b>	<b>Seizures &amp; Syndromes</b>	Abnormal movements Abnormal neurology	

# SCAMS Treatment Checklist

Cause		Treatment/Question
<b>S</b>	<b>Sepsis</b>	Antibiotics given Antivirals indicated?
<b>C</b>	<b>Cardiac</b> (Congenital, Ahythmia, Cardiomyopathy)	Prostin commenced (under 1 month) Fluid status assessment (liver edge)
<b>A</b>	<b>Abuse (NAI)</b>	Have I checked the Hb and fontanelle? CT of head
<b>M</b>	<b>Metabolic</b>	Ammonia checked Blood sugar checked Adequate sugar supply commenced
<b>S</b>	<b>Seizures</b>	Neurology assessed before anaesthesia CT of the head needed?



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**Use Resources To Help  
You**

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**24 hour retrieval and  
clinical advice hotline:  
023 8077 5502**

The Southampton Oxford Retrieval Team (SORT) is a collaboration between two paediatric intensive care units (PICUs). It delivers expert paediatric critical care to hospitals throughout the south of England.

## Making a referral



Contact SORT as soon as you suspect a child might need paediatric intensive care.

## Clinical guidelines



Retrieval guidelines, formulary and clinical resources produced by the retrieval team.

## Diary

### ▶ **Simulation faculty development course**

Monday, 26 to Tuesday, 27 March 2018

### ▶ **Audit**

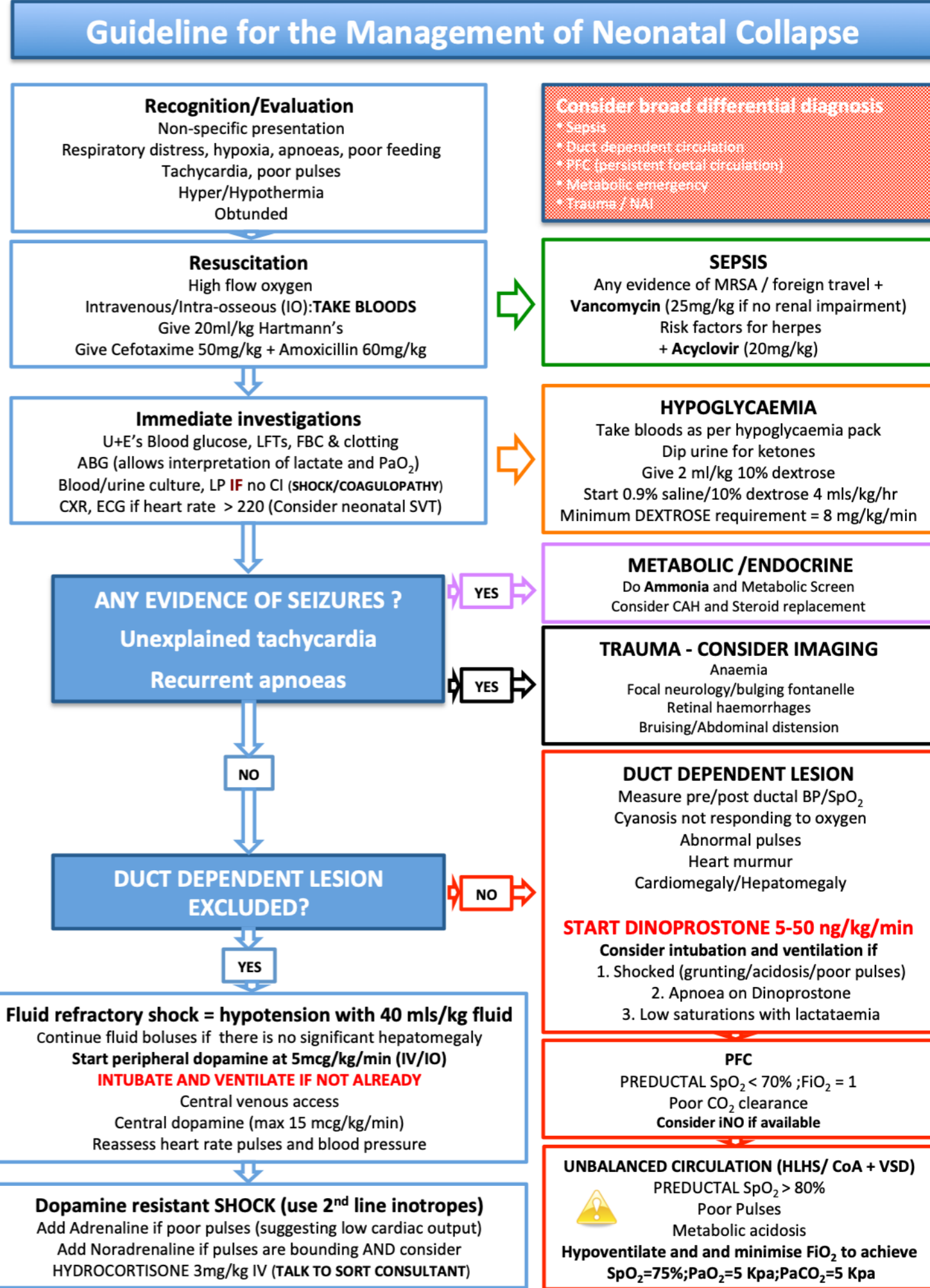
Information on and resources for the HFNP audit

### ▶ **Meet the retrieval team**

Find out who's who in SORT



# Guidelines



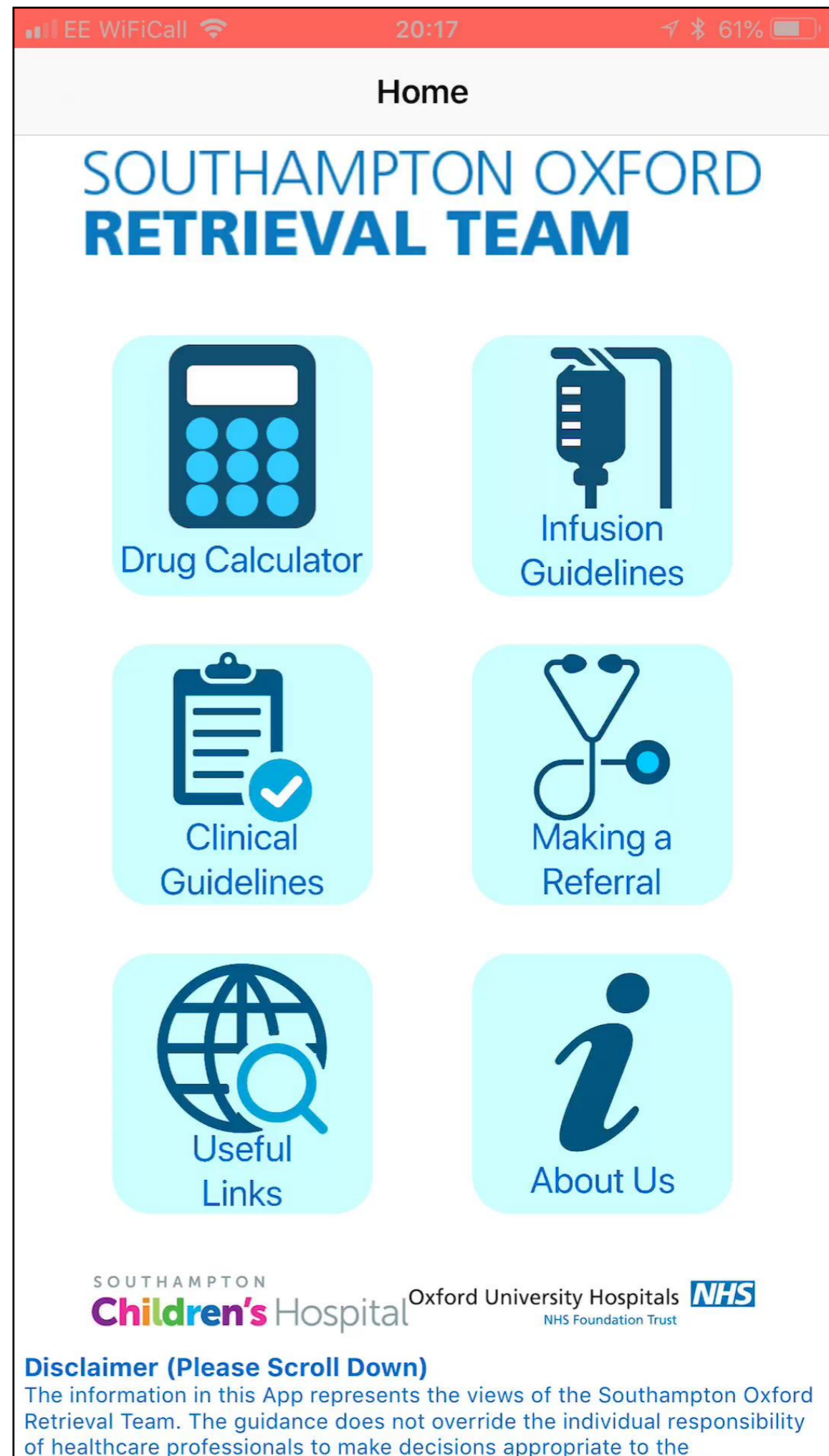
<http://www.sort.nhs.uk>

# Outreach Education Days



# The SORT App

COMING  
SOON!



# Subsequent Management

- Anaesthetic team contacted - intubated & ventilated
- Further 20ml/kg 0.9%NaCl fluid bolus given
- IO ceftriaxone given
- PICU SORT team contacted - "we will collect..."

# In the meantime more results....

- Na 133
- K 5.9
- Urea 18.4
- Creat 247
- CRP 99
- Glucose 2.8
- Bili 26
- ALT 598
- Alb 32
- CaCorr 1.7
- Mg 0.98
- PO4 1.32
- Hb 118
- WCC 2.7
- Plts 94
- INR 10.7
- APTTR 4.6
- Fibrinogen 0.4

# On Arrival of PICU Team

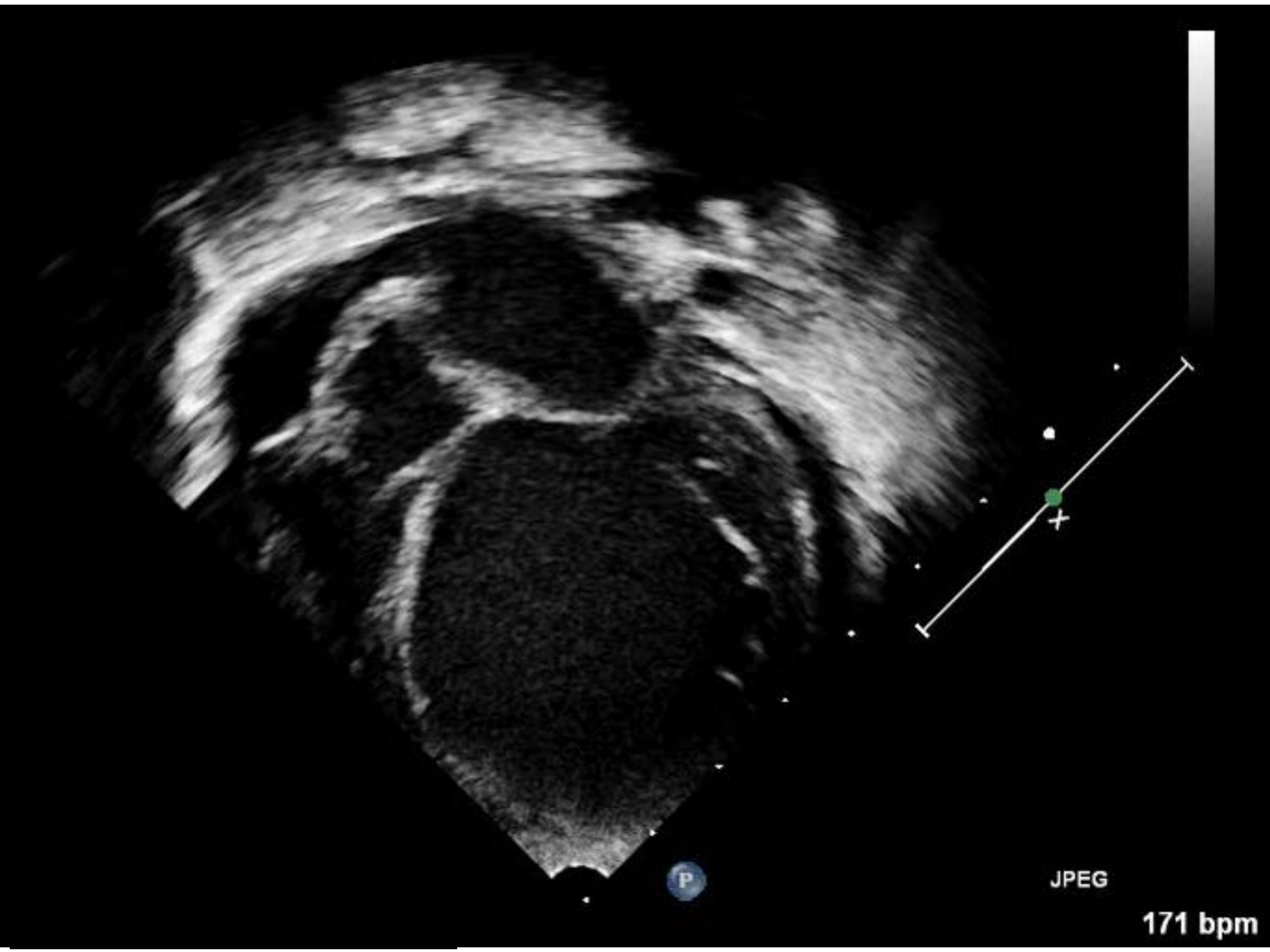
System	Findings
<b>Airway</b>	3.0 COETT, 11cm at lips
<b>Breathing</b>	CMV 25/5 Ti 0.75 RR 25 FiO2 0.6 but no sats picking up Equal chest wall movement ETCO2 1.4
<b>Circulation</b>	HR 187 sinus on monitor BP not recordable CRT 7 secs No palpable central pulses
<b>Disability</b>	Sedated with Morphine & Midazolam
<b>Exposure</b>	Mottled, white Bleeding from puncture sites

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# Action of PICU Team

- APLS - IV adrenaline, CPR, hand ventilated --> ROSC after 3 mins
- Bolus of calcium given
- RIJ CVC inserted..... Femoral arterial line (minimal pulsation)
- Prostin commenced
- Red cells, FFP and Cryoprecipitate given
- Inotropes commenced (calcium infusion, dopamine & adrenaline and later milrinone and vasopressin)
- Sodium bicarbonate given
- IV aciclovir given and IV cefotaxime
- Echo performed....



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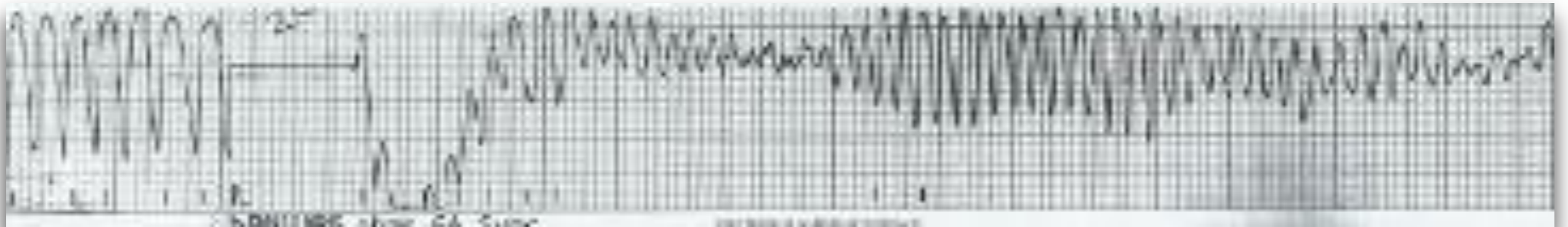
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# Some issues kept arising....

- Problems during CVC insertion
- Problems during movement



# HOWEVER...

- Tried to move for ECMO
- But on moving.....



- **Returned to local DGH and care withdrawn**

# Take Home Messages

- Maintain coronary artery and cerebral perfusion
- Look after the left ventricle
- Use an anaesthetic recipe that works
- Treat all the limited differential diagnoses: SCAMS
- Use the resources that exist to help you

# ***Any Questions?***



***Thank you!***