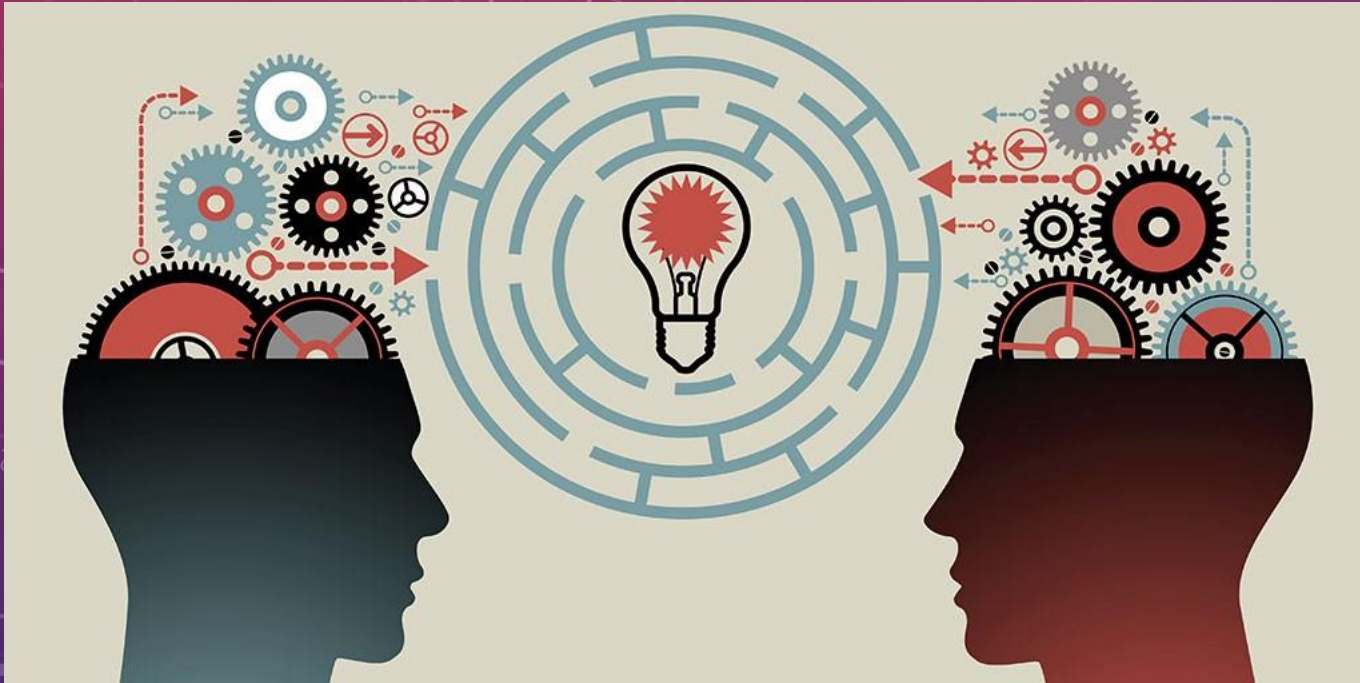


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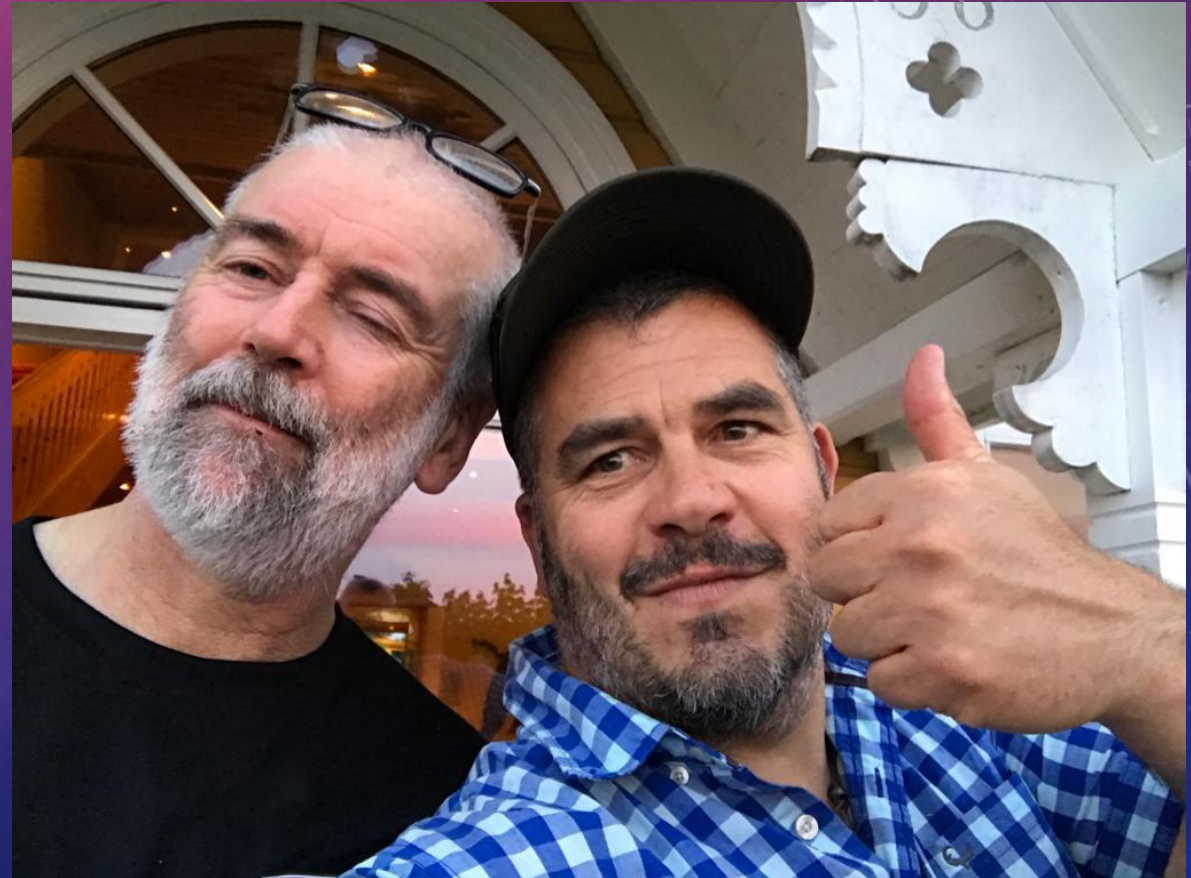


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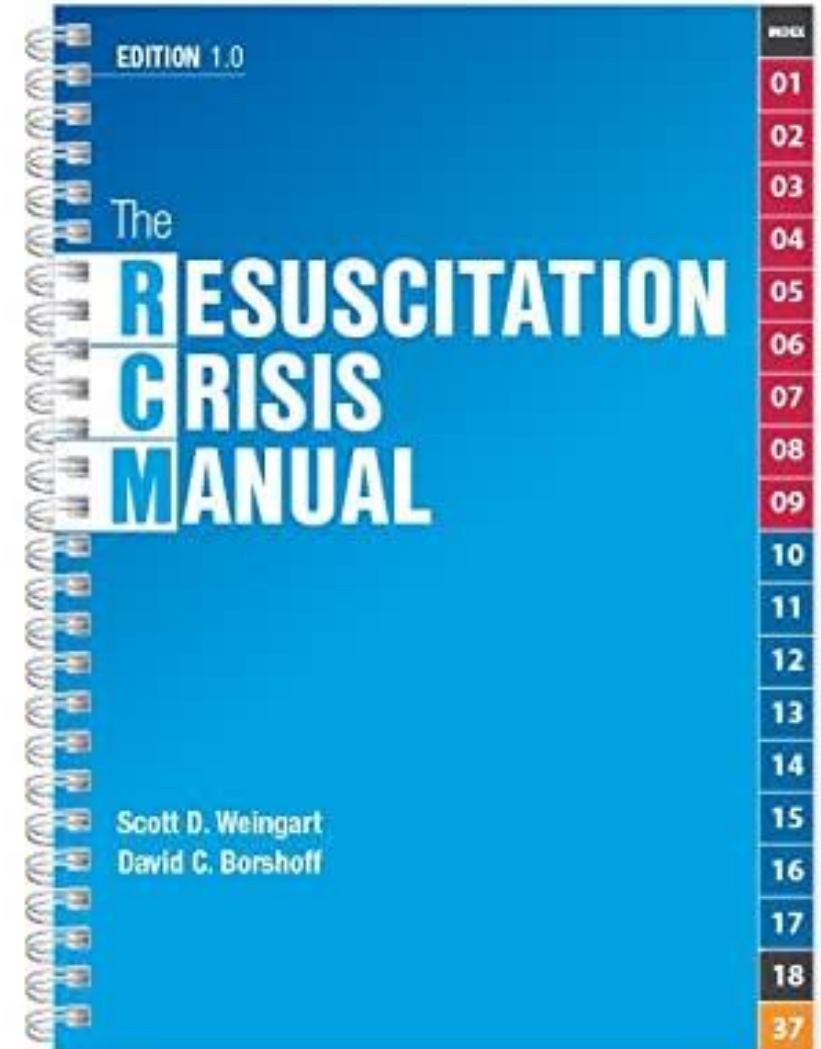


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Damage Control Resuscitation (DCR) in Prolonged Field Care (PFC) (CPG ID: 75)

The purpose of this guideline is to improve the use of DCR in the Role 1 PFC environment.

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Damage Control Resuscitation in Prolonged Field Care

INTRODUCTION

Early recognition and intervention for life-threatening hemorrhage are essential priorities to control life-threatening hemorrhage and maintain vital organ perfusion.¹

Experience with fresh whole blood (FWB) resuscitation at the Joint Trauma System (JTS) Command²⁻⁴ led to a revolutionary change in resuscitation practices for DCR.⁵ As DCR became the accepted standard of care, a majority of potentially preventable battlefield deaths were avoided. JTS launched a campaign to bring a similar approach to the PFC environment.

Efforts to prevent death from hemorrhage in the PFC environment have led to the use of combat lifesavers (CLS) and the development of DCR in the Role 1 PFC environment.

GOAL

Recognize patients with traumatic hemorrhage who will benefit from implementing DCR early to decrease mortality.

Initial Survey:

Recognize hemorrhagic shock based on rapid examination and recognition of severe injury pattern.

- Injury pattern consistent with massive hemorrhage:

RECOGNIZING PATIENTS WHO NEED (R)DCR

Indications for DCR in the Role 1 PFC environment include:

- Uncontrolled hemorrhage (TCCC) and Joint Trauma System (JTS) criteria are not met, and evidence-based resuscitation options may provide the best option in a given situation.
- Recommendations are presented in a "minimum, better, maximum" format to address a spectrum of Role 1 situations and available resources.
- Recommendations with "minimum" clinical standards still applicable in the PFC environment.

Resuscitation in the PFC environment is a critical component of the resuscitative phase of resuscitation have been termed remote damage control resuscitation (RDCR). It is important to distinguish between RDCR and DCR, because capabilities are different in the PFC environment.

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Damage Control Resuscitation

Indications

... (SBP) for DCR at ... (presumed) when ... products.

... (bandages, and ... dressings.

... (Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta) is an option for the control of non-compressible torso hemorrhage. Assist with REBOA if assigned to a designated team.


DCR fluid of choice: Low Titer O Whole Blood (LTOWB).

If LTOWB is unavailable, administer pre-hospital DCR fluids in the following order (best to least preferred):

- Platelets and red blood cells (RBCs) in a 1:1:1 ratio
- Platelets and RBCs in a 1:1 ratio
- Platelets or RBCs alone

... (V/IO calcium during or immediately after first unit of blood to all hemorrhagic shock patients, then after every four units.

... (Despan) ... (Factor VII (rhFVIIa))



WHAT TO DO ?



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TRAIN HOW YOU WISH TO FIGHT

BESAUSE YOU *WILL*

FIGHT HOW YOU TRAINED

CLINICAL JUDGEMENT

PEER Model



Critical thinking

REASON



IN MODERN TIMES



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BIAS - IATROGENIC BLINDNESS

THE 2 GOLDEN RULES OF MEDICINE

Clinical judgement

Aggressive

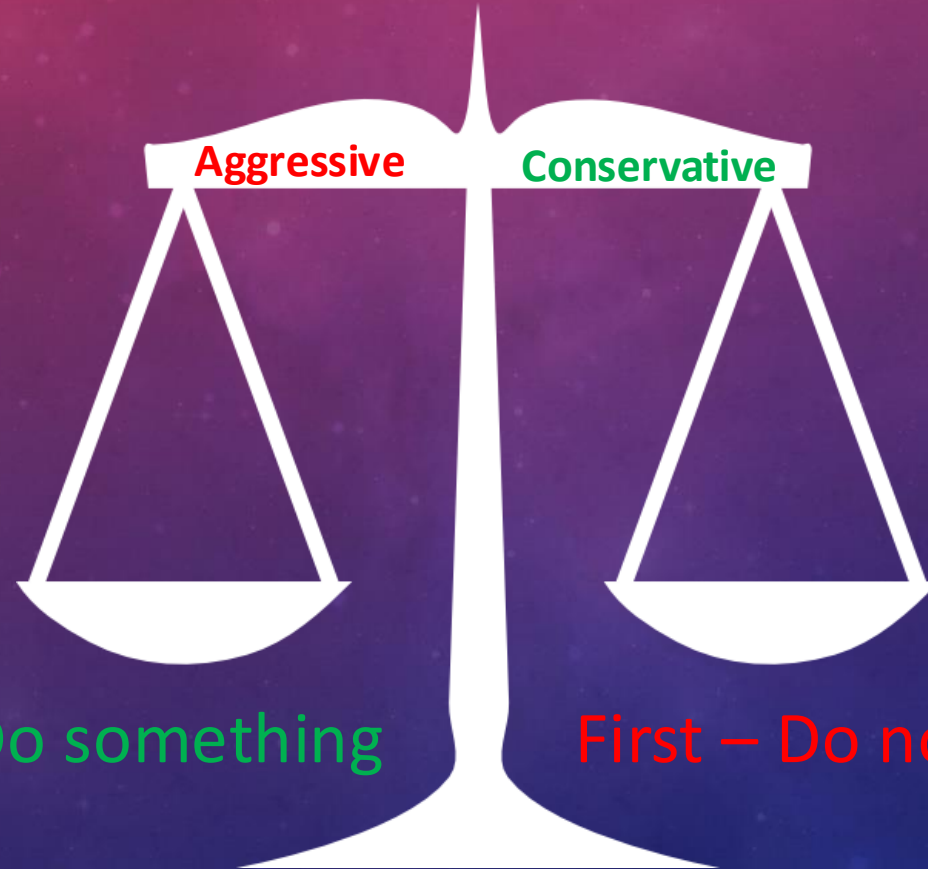
Conservative

Risk of Pathology

Risk of Procedure

Do something

First – Do no harm



PREVENTING IATROGENIC HARM

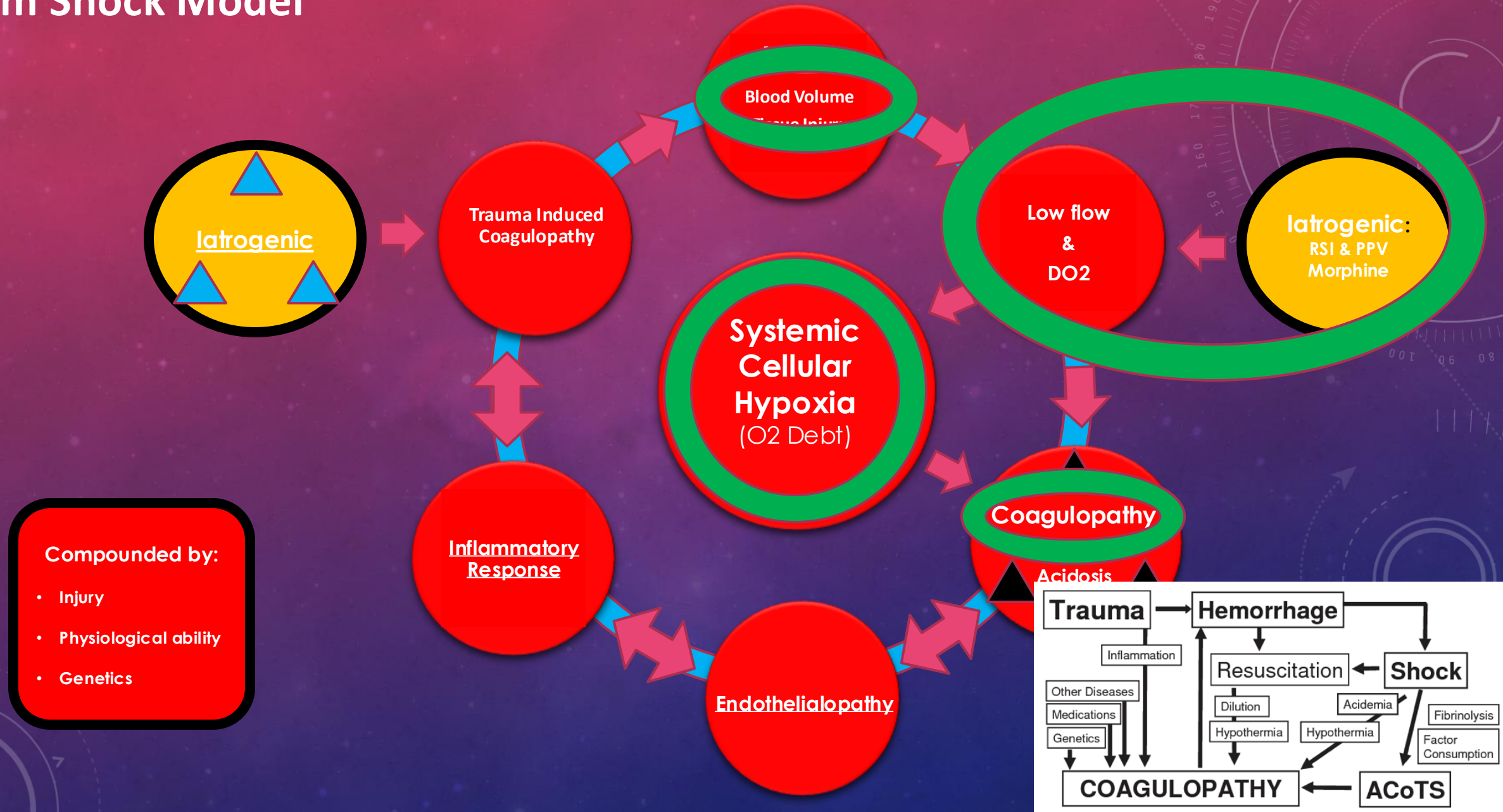
**The greater the possibility of harm
the more conservative the approach**

Know - watch - & offset the risks

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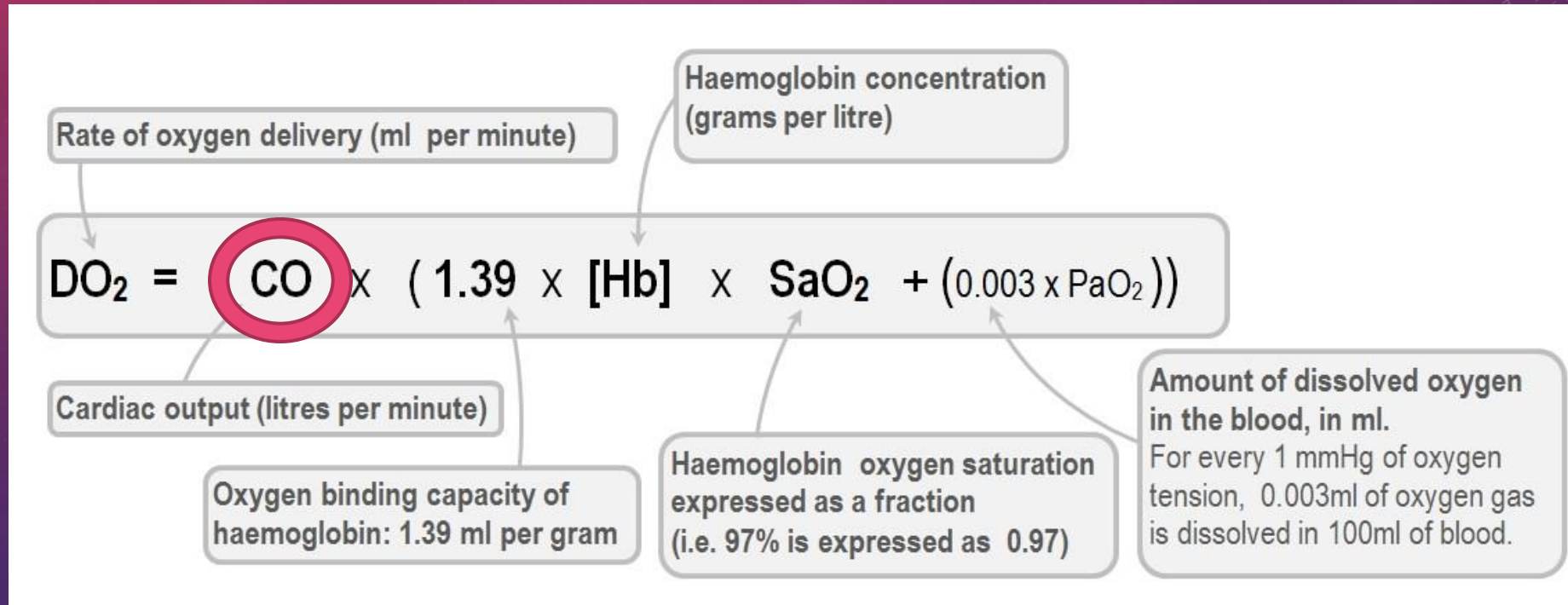


Hem Shock Model



SHOCK DEF: $DO_2 \neq VO_2$ – SYSTEMIC HYPOXIA

DO₂ Equation



DO₂

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Oxygen delivery = cardiac output × arterial oxygen content



DO₂

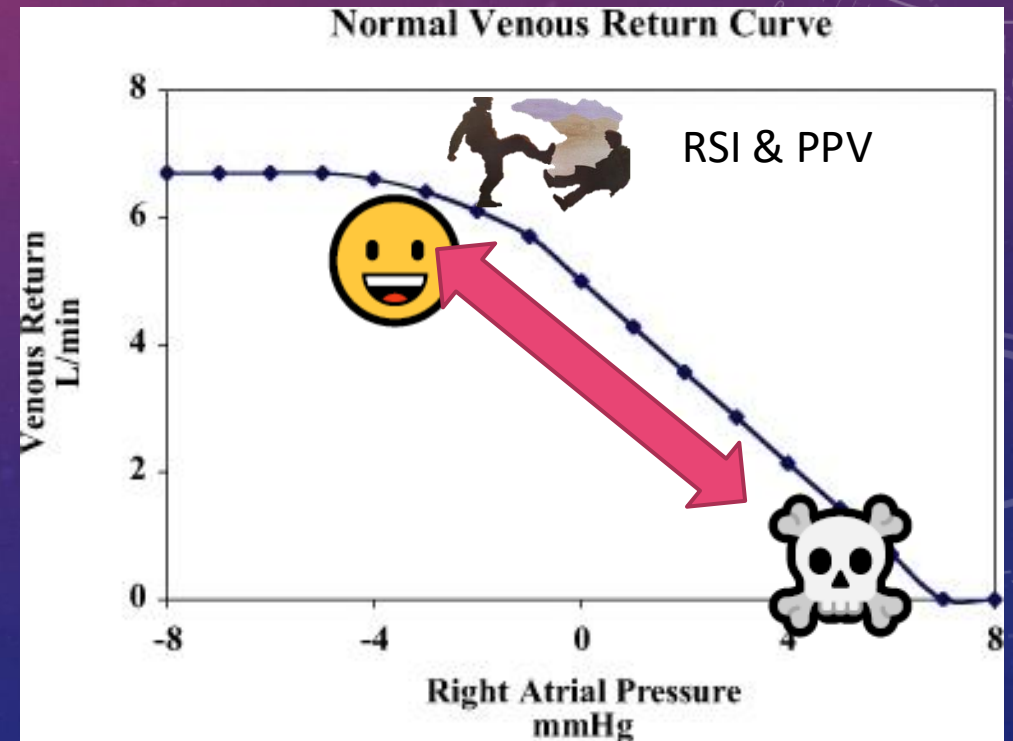
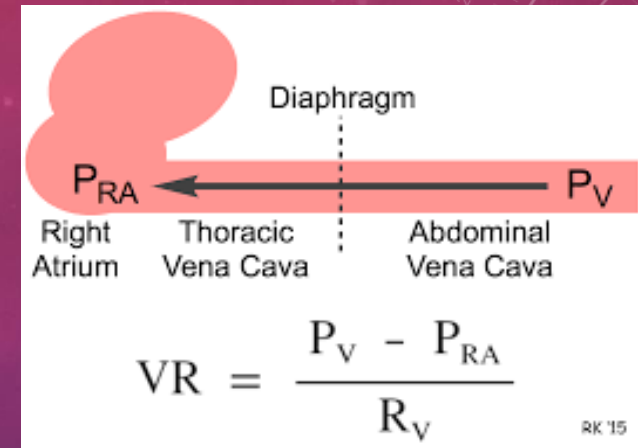
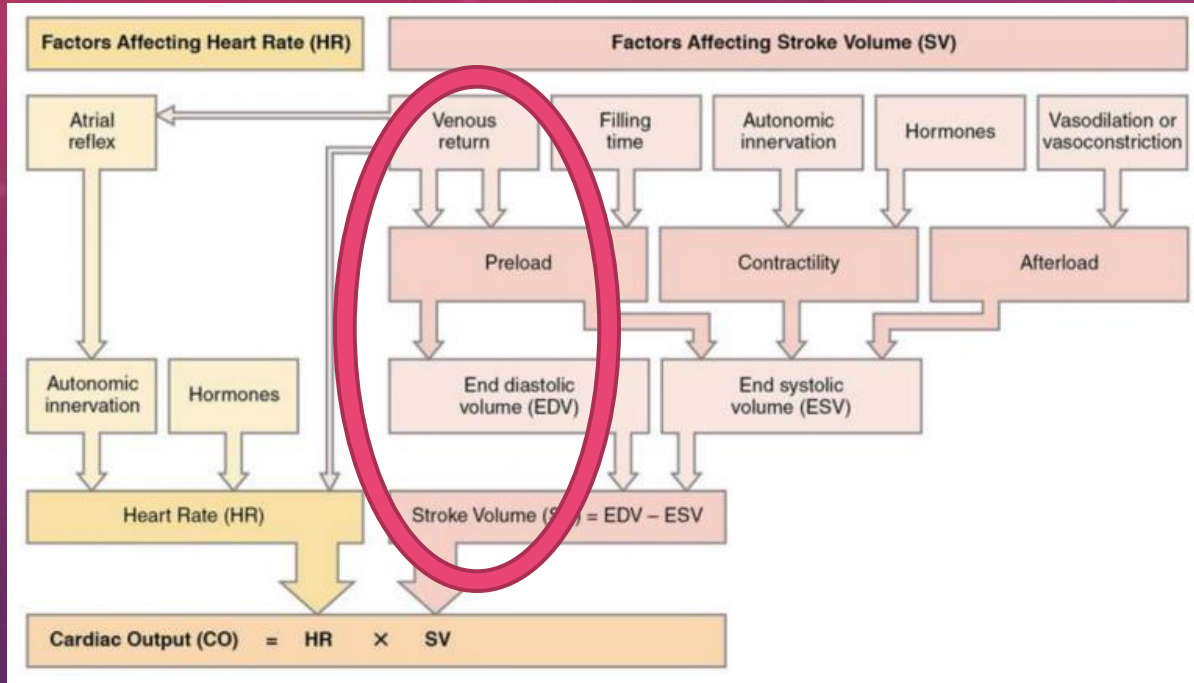


Volume pumped



Oxygen load

COMPONENTS OF CO



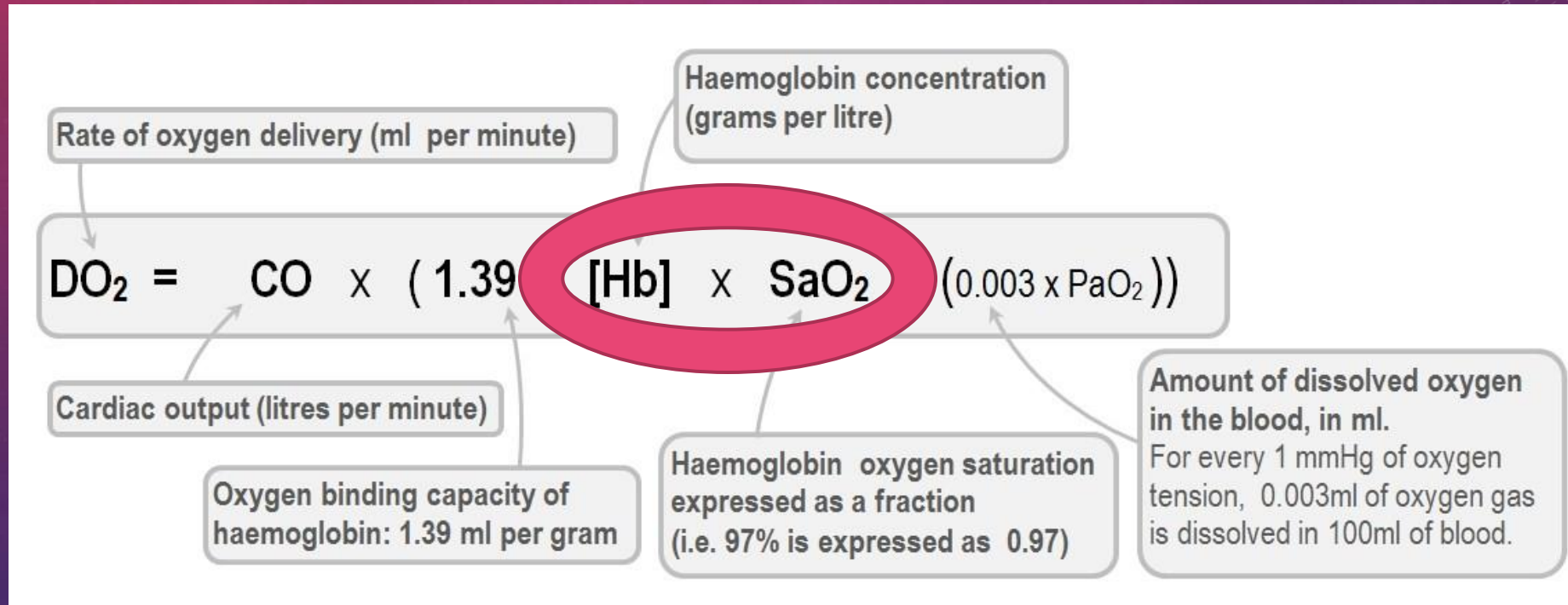
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FLUID DYNAMICS

Volume
Respiratory pump
Musculovenous pump
Venous resistance

OXYGEN DYNAMICS


DO₂ Equation



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Recommendation 16

We recommend a target Hb of 70 to 90 g/L. (Grade 1C)

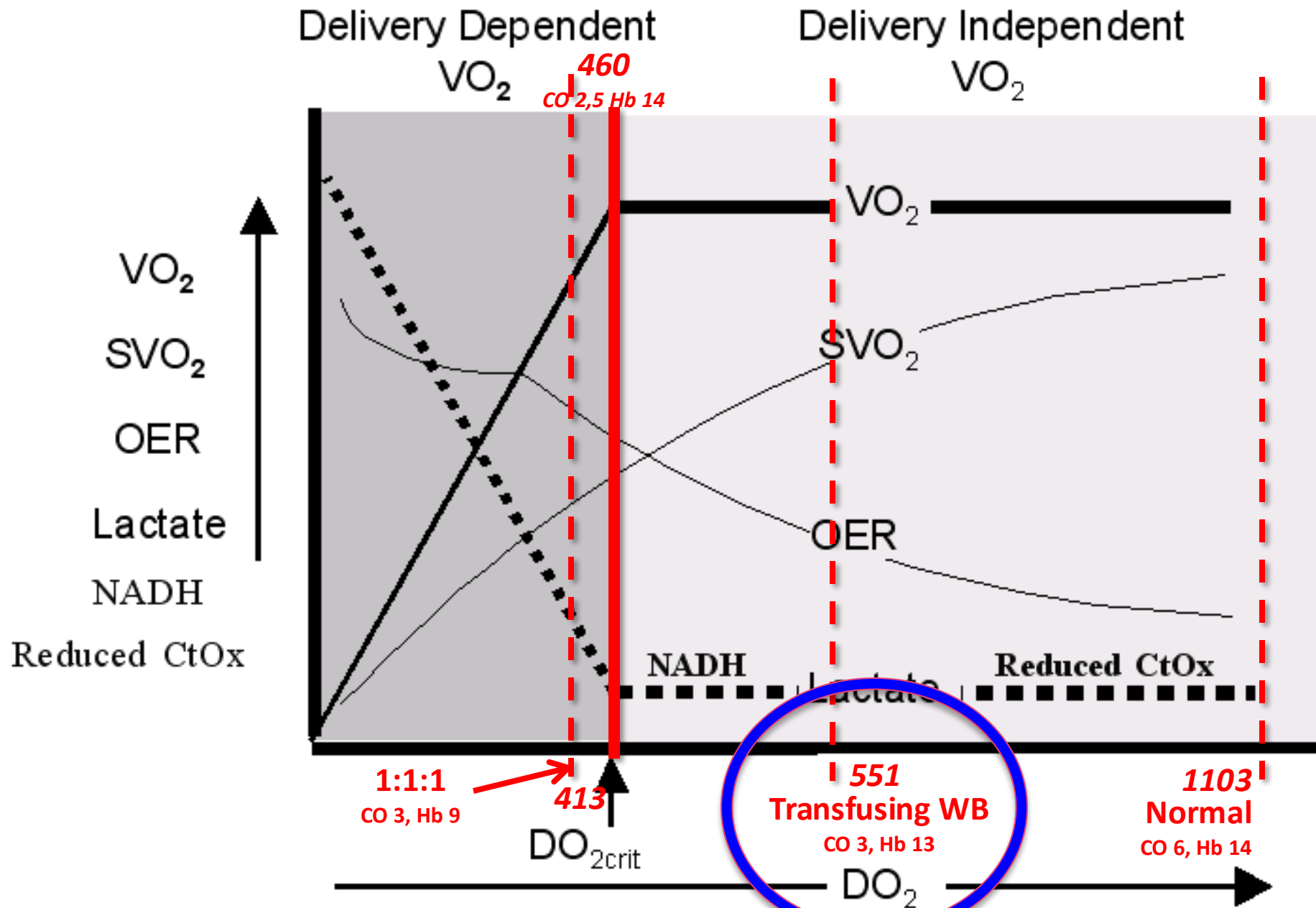
Table

Anemia Severity Classification

Grade	Hb level (g/dL)	Description
1	10 - lower limit of normal	Mild
2	8 - <10	Moderate
3	6.5 - <8	Severe
4	Life threatening	Life threatening
5	Death	Death

TABLE 1. Essential differences between transfusion with whole blood and 1 : 1 : 1 ratio

	500 ml whole blood	660 mL (1 FFP : 1 PRBC : 1 PLT)
Hematocrit	↑ 38% to 50%	↑ 29%
Platelets (UI/mL)	150.000 to 400.000 full activity	88.000
Coagulation factors	100% activity	65% activity
Others	–	Presence of anticoagulants



COAGULATION DYNAMICS

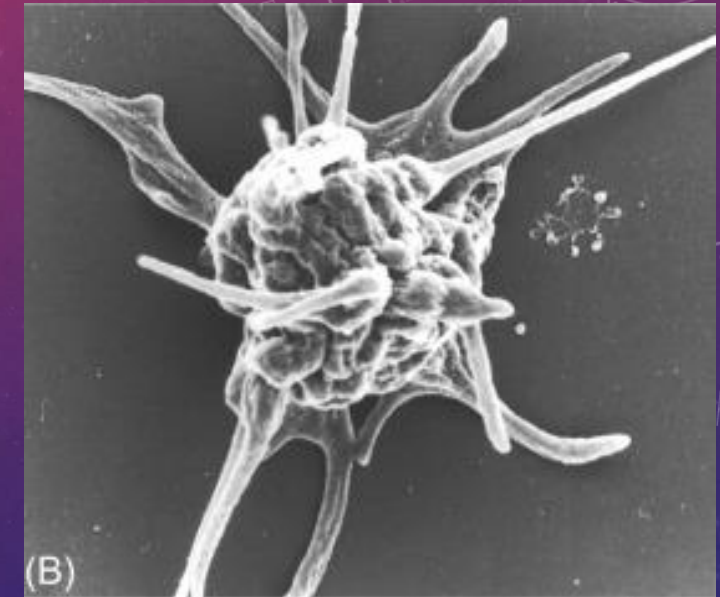
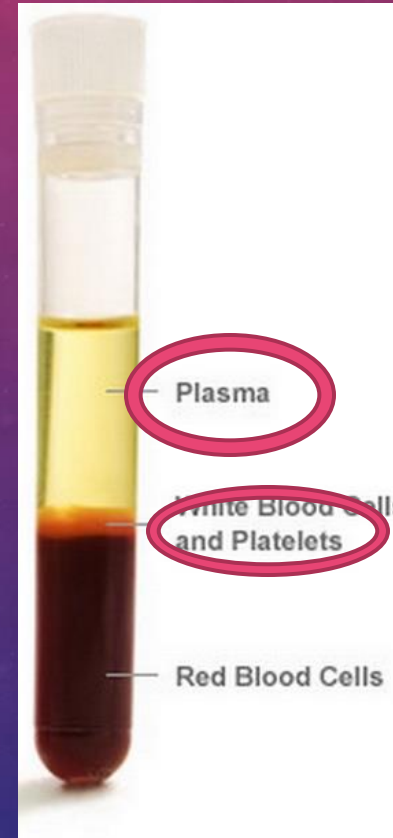
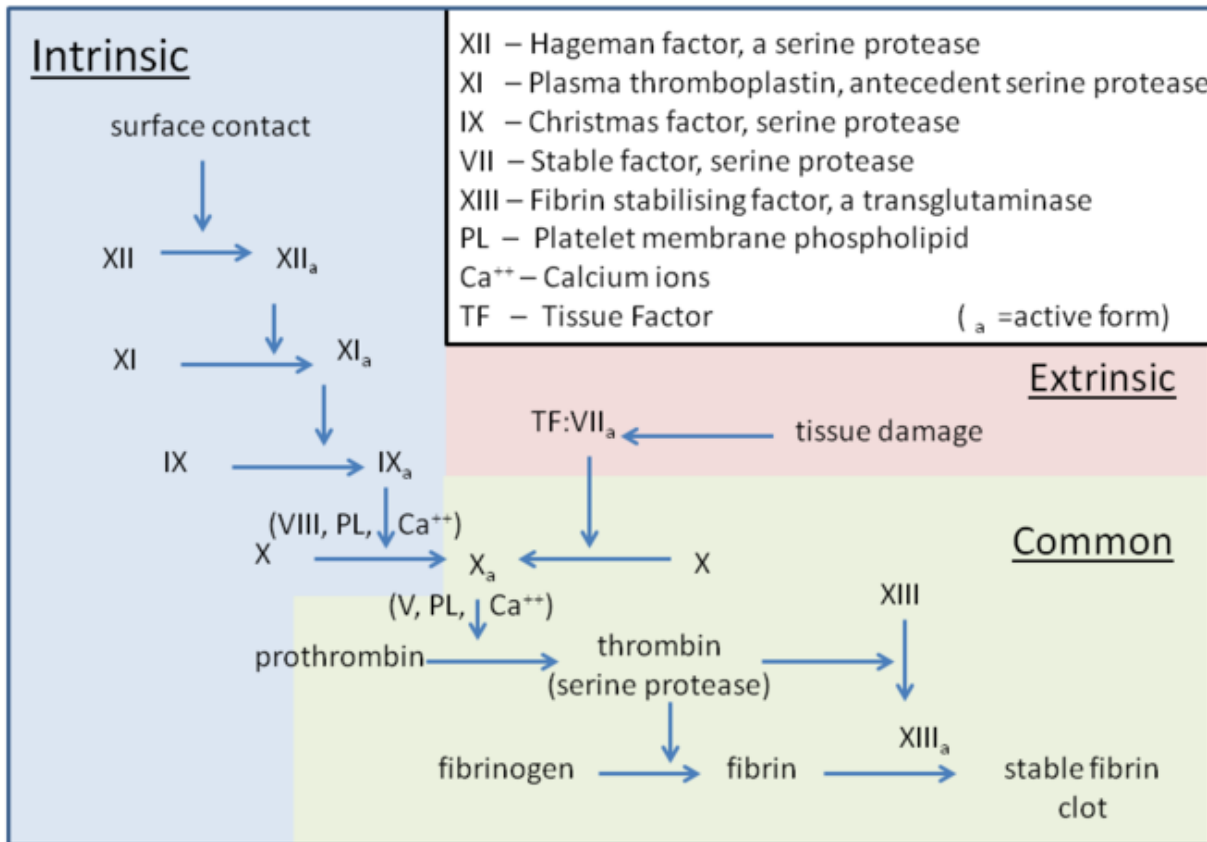
- Clotting cascade activation – Thrombin generation
- Endothelium activation – Glycocalyx shedding
- Hyperfibrinolysis (Subclinical v Clinical) Sever hypoxia
- Fibrinogen consumption
- Platelet dysfunction (Activate / consumed / depleted)

Acute Traumatic Coagulopathy

~Hypoxia & Tissue Injury Driven

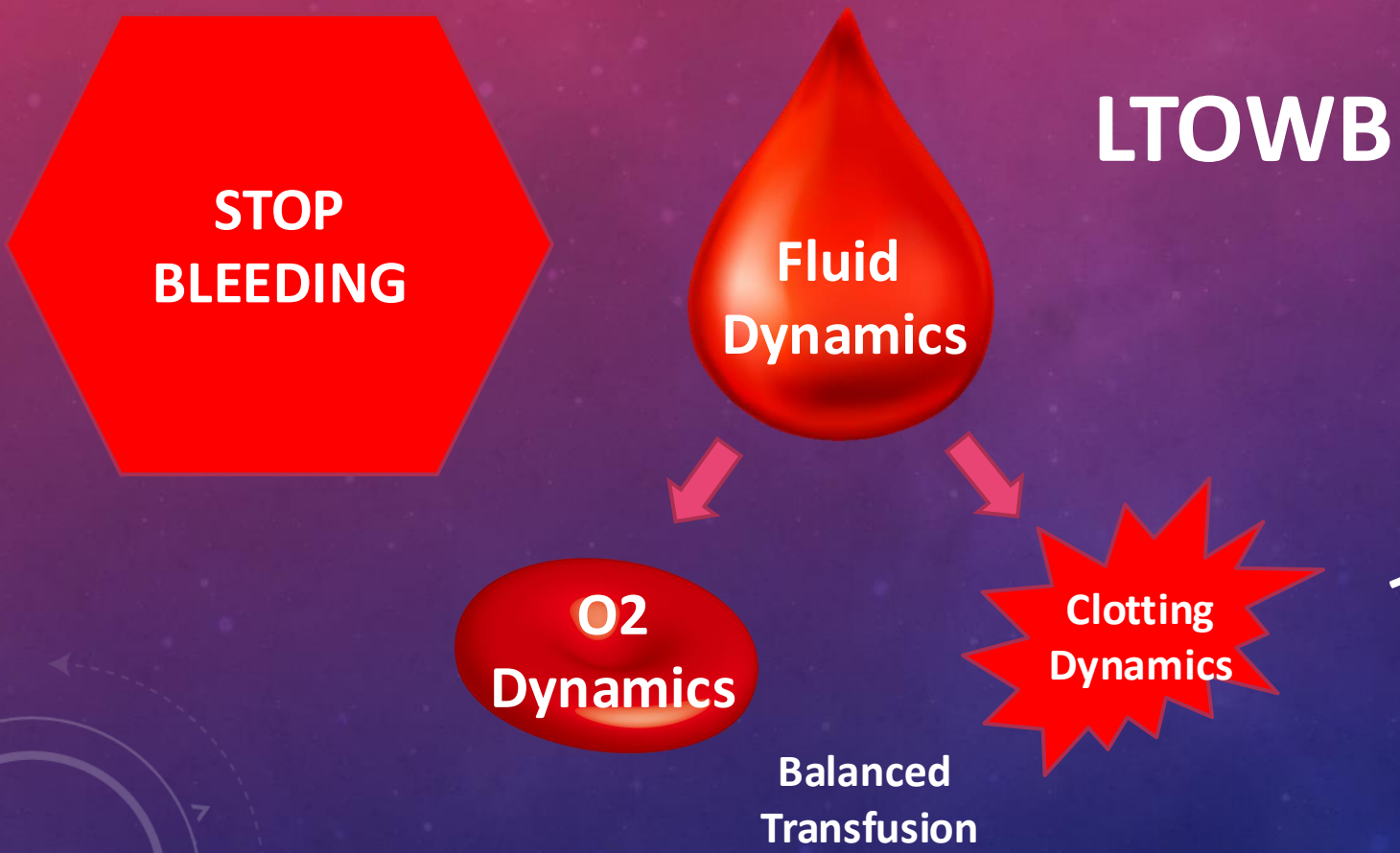
COAGULATION

The three pathways that make up the classical blood coagulation pathway



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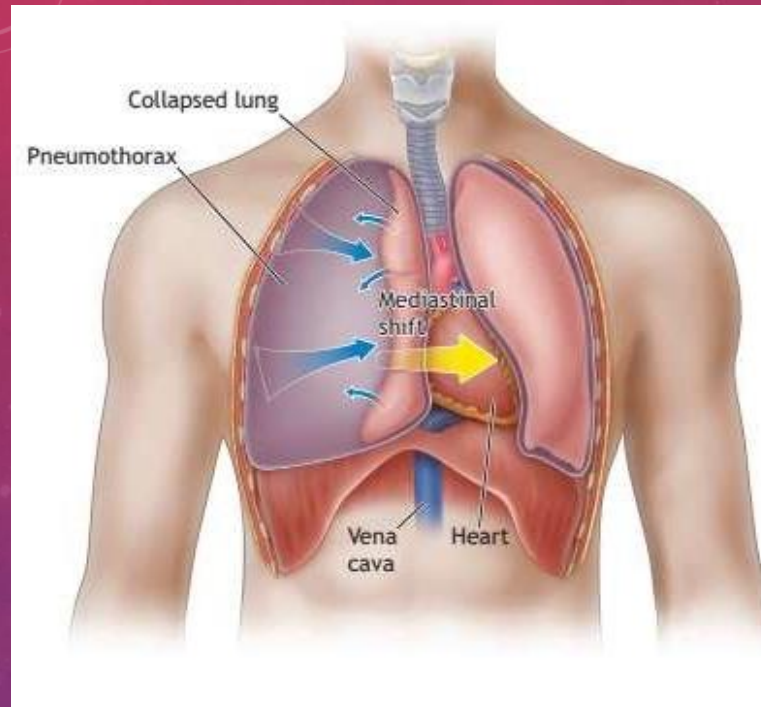
Take-home points

- It is pretty much impossible to prove a negative - that is, that something doesn't exist.
- Beware bold statements that something is ineffective or is no different to another treatment.
- There are many reasons why evidence may be unreliable.

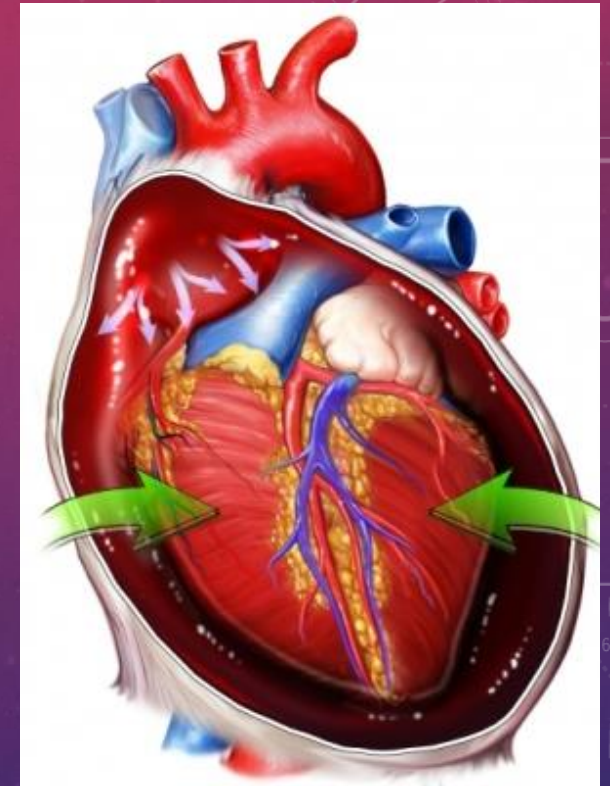


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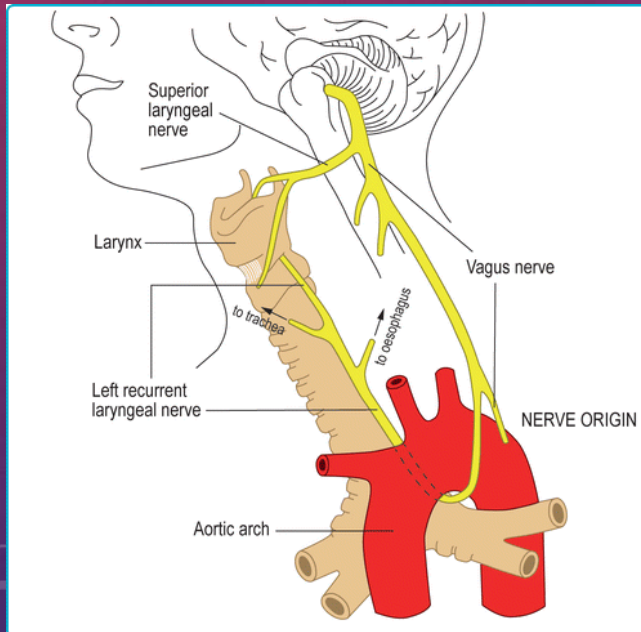
HEM SHOCK IMPOSTERS



Tension Pneumothorax



Cardiac Tamponade



Vasovagal Reaction



Isolated TBI

TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX

PS Injury

FIGURE 3 Clinical photograph from a civilian trauma case showing multiple needle decompressions in both the anterior and lateral locations. Note that two of the needles in the anterior location have been inserted at locations medial to the midclavicular line.



1. Continues the aggressive approach to suspecting and treating tension pneumothorax based on mechanism of injury and respiratory distress that TCCC has advocated for in the past, as opposed to waiting until shock develops as a result of the tension pneumothorax before treating. The new wording does, however, emphasize that shock and cardiac arrest may ensue if the tension pneumothorax is not treated promptly.

5. Respiration/Breathing

- a. Assess for tension pneumothorax and treat, as necessary.
 - Suspect a tension pneumothorax and treat when a casualty has significant torso trauma or primary blast injury and one or more of the following:
 - Severe or progressive respiratory distress
 - Severe or progressive tachypnea
 - Absent or markedly decreased breath sounds on one side of the chest
 - Hemoglobin oxygen saturation < 90% on pulse oximetry
 - Shock
 - Traumatic cardiac arrest without obviously fatal wounds
 - ❖ If not treated promptly, tension pneumothorax may progress from respiratory distress to shock and traumatic cardiac arrest.

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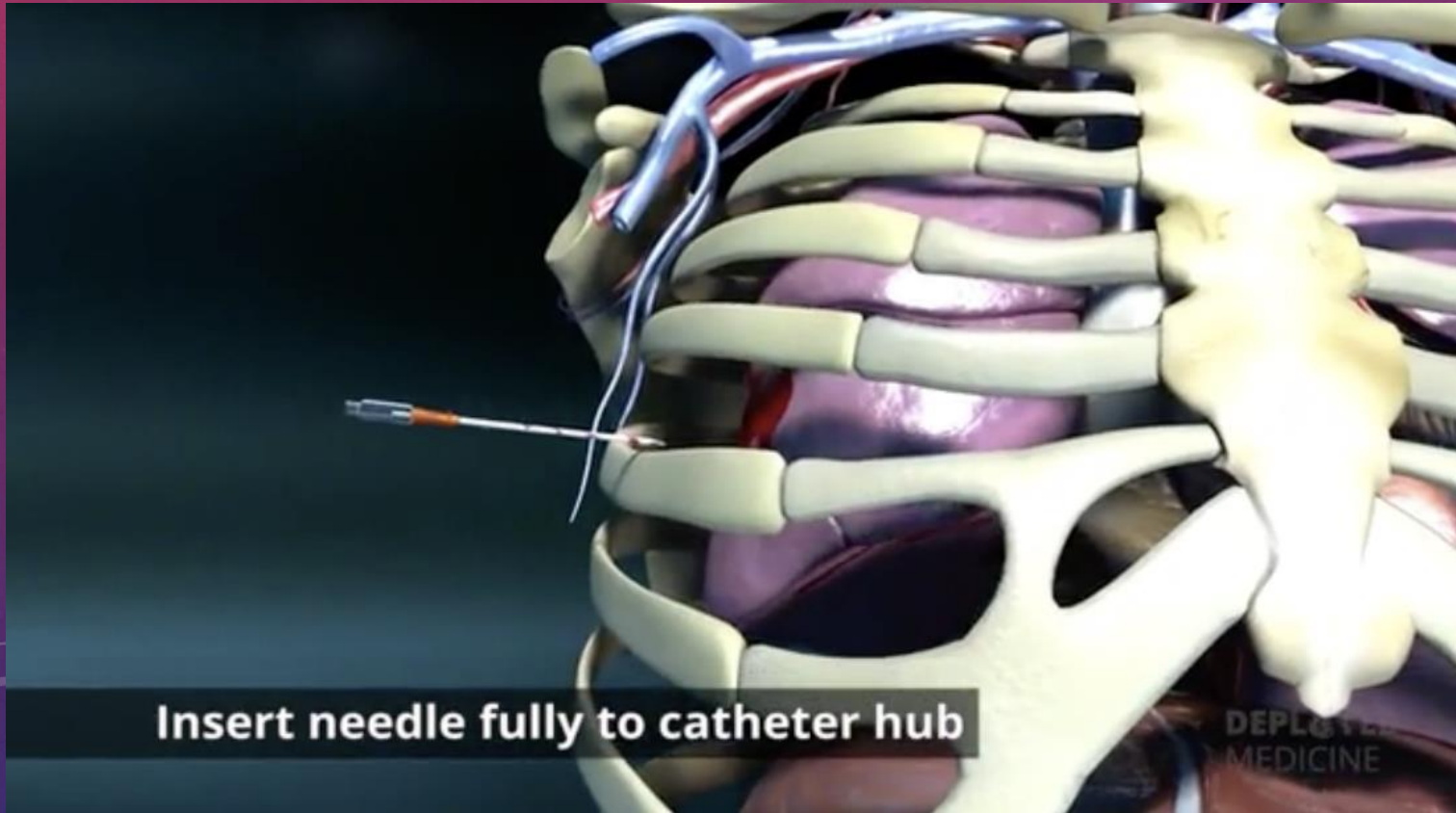
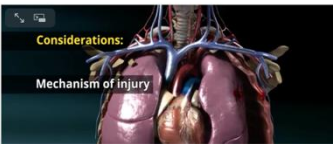
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Abstract

Thirty years after the rise of the evidence-based medicine (EBM) movement, formal training in philosophy remains poorly represented among medical students and their educators. In this paper, I argue that EBM's reception in this context has resulted in a privileging of empiricism over rationalism in clinical reasoning with unintended consequences for medical practice. After a limited review of the history of medical epistemology, I argue that a solution to this problem can be found in the method of the 2nd-century Roman physician Galen, who brought empiricism and rationalism together in a synthesis anticipating the scientific method. Next, I review several of the problems that have been identified as resulting from a staunch commitment to empiricism in medical practice. Finally, I conclude that greater epistemological awareness in the medical community would precipitate a Galenic shift toward a more epistemically balanced, scientific approach to clinical research.

Keywords: Galen; empiricism; epistemology; evidence-based medicine; medical education; rationalism.

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IN TRAINING

- **Know risks**
- **Know how to avoid risks**
- **Know right**
- **Know wrong**
- **Actions on wrong**

EXPERIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLEXITY

Increasing Environmental Complexity



Decreasing technical and cognitive complexity

CLINICAL JUDGEMENT – CRITICAL THINKING



QUESTIONS



Don't be blind to the iatrogenic pathology of your interventions

