Triage, Treatment and Transport Guidelines (T3G)

As Recommended by the Bureau of EMS and Trauma System



Arizona Department of Health Services

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Shock: Adult & Pediatric

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For shock due to suspected trauma, refer to <u>General Trauma Management</u> section guidelines. For shock due to anaphylaxis, refer to <u>Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reaction</u>.

Emergency medical conditions can trigger signs of poor perfusion such as these:

- · Tachycardia out of proportion to temperature
- · Altered mental status
- · Delayed/flash capillary refill >2 seconds
- Hypoxia
- · Decreased urine output
- Tachypnea
- Hypotension for age, refer to <u>Abnormal Vital Signs</u>
- · Weak, decreased or bounding pulses
- · Cool/mottled or flushed/ruddy skin

EMT

- Initiate Universal Care.
- Check blood glucose, treat per <u>Hypoglycemia</u> or <u>Hyperglycemia</u> as indicated.
- If pregnant, place in left lateral recumbent position.

AEMT

- Administer 30 mL/kg, max 1 L, IV/IO fluid bolus over < 15 minutes.
- May repeat up to 3 times until either:
 - Vital signs/perfusion normal (or)
 - Rales, crackles or respiratory distress.
- Administer 30 mL/kg, max 1 L, IV/IO fluid bolus over <15 minutes, using push-pull methods.
- · May repeat up to 3 times until either:
 - Vital signs/perfusion normal (or)
 - Rales, crackles or respiratory distress or hepatomegaly.



- Reassess after each IVF bolus.
- If history of adrenal insufficiency (congenital adrenal hyperplasia, daily steroid use) refer to Adrenal Insufficiency treatment under EMT-I/Paramedic below. Assist with patient's own hydrocortisone.

EMT-I/Paramedic

- For shock unresponsive to IV fluids, or cardiogenic shock with signs of fluid overload, consider vasopressors, refer to appendix drip calculations:
 - Epinephrine: 0.05-0.3 mcg/kg/min IV/IO
 - Norepinephrine: 0.05-0.5 mcg/kg/min IV/IO (Paramedic Only) (Pump Only)
 - Dopamine: 2-20 mcg/kg/min IV/IO (Paramedic Only)

Adrenal Insufficiency Treatment:

- Patient's hydrocortisone (Solu-Cortef): is preferred:
 - ≥ 12 years: 100 mg IM.
- Methylprednisolone:
 - 2 mg/kg IV/IO, max 125 mg.

Adrenal Insufficiency Treatment:

- Patient's hydrocortisone (Solu-Cortef): is preferred:
 - 0-3 years: 25 mg IM.
 - 3-12 years: 50 mg IM.
 - ≥ 12 years: 100 mg IM.
- Methylprednisolone:
 - 2 mg/kg IV/IO, max 125 mg.

