

Welcome!

RESCUE_{epc}:

Managing Acutely Ill Pediatric Patients in the Outpatient Setting

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I am employed by PM Pediatric Care and am co-creator of RESCUE_{epc}

Objectives

- Understand why the approach to emergencies in the urgent care environment is unique from current course offerings
- Introduction to the RESCUE_{epc} approach
- High yield case review using the RESCUE_{epc} approach
- Highlight essential concepts and clinical pearls for managing pediatric emergencies most likely to present to urgent care

Pediatric office emergencies are not uncommon

Potentially life-threatening illnesses do occur

Respiratory and infectious emergencies, seizures, & dehydration are most common

Providing urgent/emergent care until EMS arrives will be necessary at times

Stabilization of pediatric emergencies and early transfer for definitive care are critical... but how to approach this in the Urgent Care environment?

- **Which types of providers staff your clinic?**
- **What is their experience in managing critically ill children with the resources available in your setting?**
- **Who makes up your clinical support staff? What is their experience level?**

EPP Options

Courses

BLS, PALS, ACLS, APLS, PEARS

Simulation

“mock” codes

Be Prepared!

Limitations:

PALS/APLS/ACLS – primarily focused on in-hospital care; adult courses do not address unique aspects of pediatric management

BLS – important basics covered, but not enough

PEARS – more info, but not as relevant to pediatric-trained clinicians

Simulation – a valuable tool, but needs something more

Bottom Line: Attempting to use knowledge/skills acquired these courses to manage patients in our setting often felt disconnected, poorly relevant, and not reflective of equipment, medications, personnel in our office



We introduced a novel course that is *relevant to our setting, higher yield, and shorter/less time-intensive*



RESCUE_{epc}

What is RESCUE_{epc}?

REsuscitation and

Stabilization of

Children in the

Urgent care

Environment

epc=emergency
preparedness
course

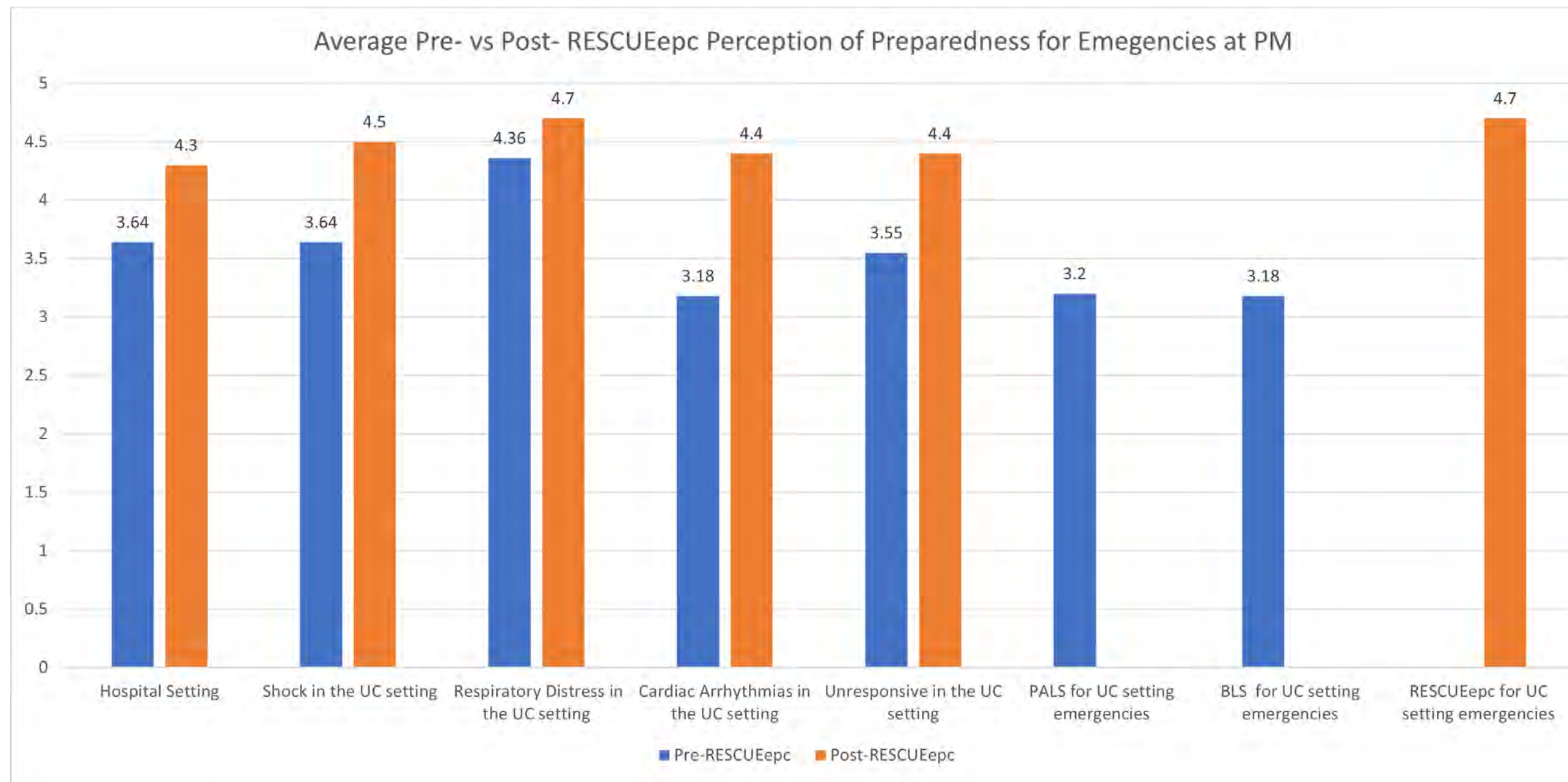
Advantages of RESCUE^{epc}

- ✔ Far more relevant to the outpatient setting
- ✔ More practical, simplified approach
- ✔ Easy and efficient for adult medicine practitioners to complete
- ✔ All course content is reinforced through simulation scenarios
- ✔ ONE day course (only ½ day of in-person instruction)
 - ✔ Less expensive to teach & to run
 - ✔ Less time commitment for teachers & students

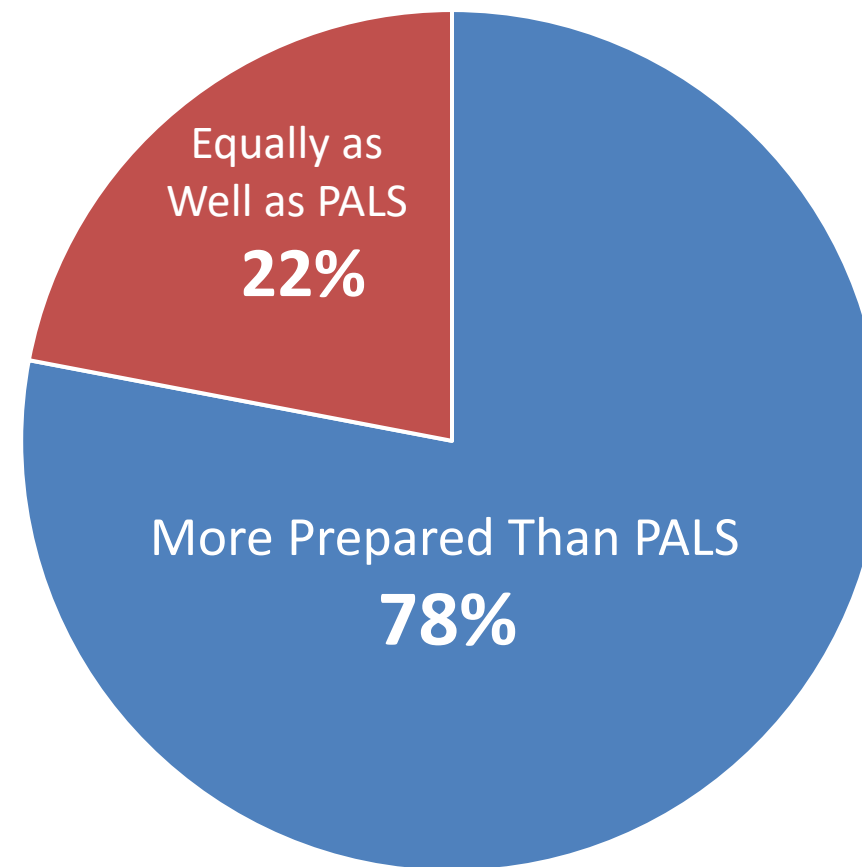


RESCUEepc attendees were asked (pre- and post-course) how prepared they felt to manage different types of emergencies based on their current training rated on a scale of 1-5 (1 being least prepared, 5 being most prepared)

They also rated (on the same 1-5 scale) how well PALS, BLS, and RESCUEepc prepared them to manage emergencies in the urgent care setting. PALS & BLS were rated pre-course and RESCUEepc was rated post-course



RESCUE_{epc} vs. PALS



When asked to compare how well RESCUE_{epc} prepared attendees to manage a critically ill patient in the urgent care setting, **100%** felt that RESCUE_{epc} prepared them *equally as well or better than PALS*, with **nearly 80% (78%)** reporting RESCUE_{epc} to **have prepared them better than PALS**.

Course Description (Typically)

Target audience:

- Pediatric & non-pediatric physicians, APPs, nurses, Urgent Care Techs

Course format:

- Blended-learning approach

Course duration: 1 day

- Online modules (independent pre-coursework) – 4 hours
- Instructor-led classroom training – 4 hours

Assessment:

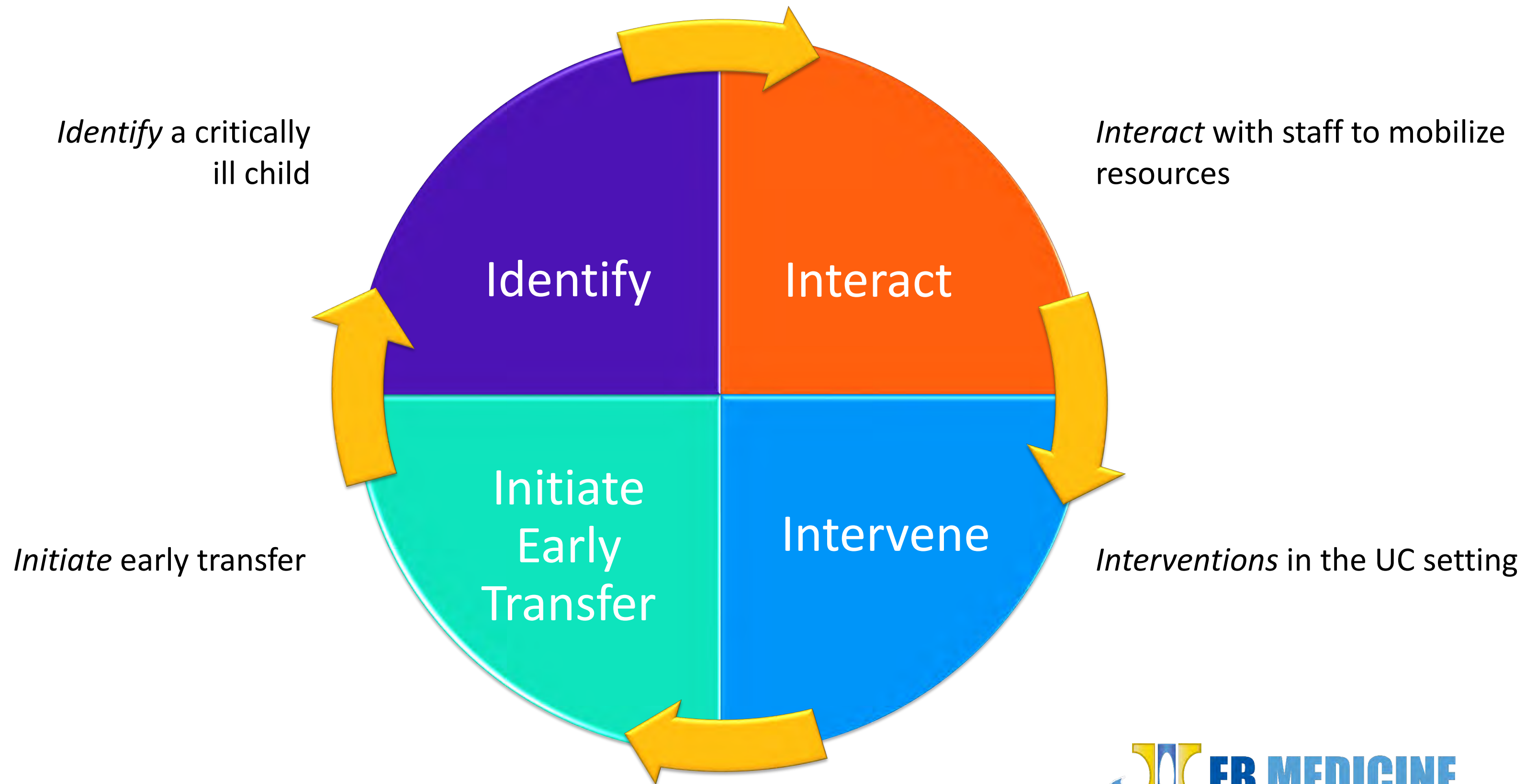
- Skills stations
- Simulation-based mega-codes
- Written post-test with minimum passing score of 80%

Course Description (Today)

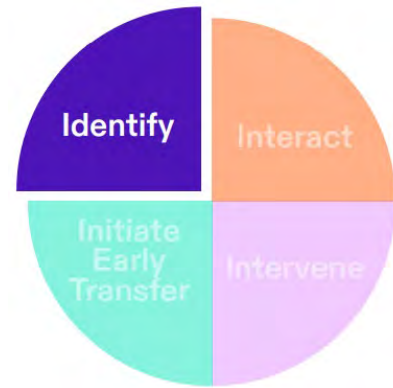
I have 30 minutes

- ✓ RESCUE_{epc} Highlights
- ✓ Quintessential Cases
- ✓ Pediatric Pearls

I⁴ RESCUE Cycle: Overview



The Specifics: **RESCUE** Protocol



Initial Impression

PAT



Mobilize Resources

- Alert provider and team
- Obtain necessary equipment

Critical Interventions

- Primary Assessment (Survey) & Vitals:
 - Airway
 - Breathing
 - Circulation
- Secondary Assessment (Survey)

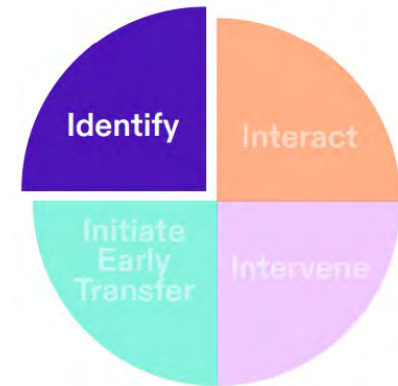
Directed Interventions

For Example:

- Resp
 - Albuterol/Ipratropium
 - Racemic Epinephrine
 - Dexamethasone
- Shock
 - Normal Saline
- Cardiac
 - Adenosine
 - Epinephrine

Identify

RESCUE Protocol



Initial Impression

Pediatric Assessment Triangle



Tone
Interactiveness
Consolability
Look/Gaze
Speech



Breath Sounds
Positioning
Retractions
Flaring
Apnea/Gasping



CIRCULATION

Pallor
Mottling
Cyanosis



Identify

Initial Impression: PAT



STABLE



RESPIRATORY DISTRESS → FAILURE



CNS/METABOLIC



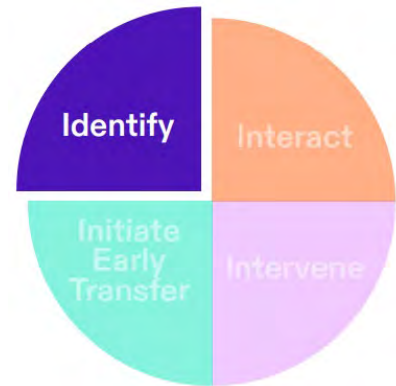
COMPENSATED → HYPOTENSIVE SHOCK



**CARDIOPULMONARY
FAILURE**

Interact

RESCUE Protocol



**Initial
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Team Roles in the Urgent Care Setting

Full Team Roles

Front Desk Associate

- Identify critically ill patient on arrival and alert team
- Can help transfer patient to treatment room
- Activate EMS or 911 once prompted by provider
- Complete EMS call sheet
- Alert other patients that there may be a delay in care

Nurse/UC Tech

- Assist in transfer of patient to treatment room
- Establish IV access (if needed)
- Draw up and deliver medications / IVF

XRT

- Clear treatment room (if occupied)
- Record all pertinent data and medications given
- Can obtain vitals
- Assume Reception or MA duties if one not present

MA

- Locate and bring code cart to resuscitation
- Assist in procedures when needed
- Can locate and obtain equipment if needed
- Alert other patients in office that there may be a delay in care during emergency
- Can obtain vitals

Provider

- **Team leader** – all communication routes through the team leader
- Initial assessment and alert staff to notify if EMS is needed
- Direct and administer care
- Will incorporate nursing roles if nurse not present

Small Team Roles

Front Desk Associate/MA/XRT

- Identify and alert team to critically ill patient
- Helps to transfer patient to treatment room
- Notify other patients of critical patient and delay
- Bring code cart, O₂, other equipment
- Can assist with vitals
- Complete EMS call sheet and activate EMS

Nurse/UC Tech

- IV/IO Access, draw up meds
- Clears treatment room if needed
- Records
- Obtain vitals
- Can help with equipment
- Complete EMS call sheet and activate EMS (or MA)

Provider

- **Team Leader** – All communication routed through team leader, medical decision making and administering care
- Initial Assessment – ABCs
- Incorporate nursing roles if no nurse present (draw up and administer medications, direct O₂, assist with IV/IO if needed)
- Alert staff to notify EMS if needed

Knowing roles is crucial to minimizing errors and anxiety

Interact

Mobilize Personnel

Provider

- Directing care
- History and exam

Nurse/UC Tech

- IV/IO access
- Draw up and administer medication

MA

- Check vitals
- Obtain equipment
- Crowd control

XRT

- Obtain equipment
- Records

Front Desk Associate

- Initiate EMS
- Crowd control

Efficient
Management of
a Critically Ill
Child

Interact

Mobilize Equipment

Vitals Cart

Glucometer, IV pole

Consider manual BP cuff, portable pulse oximeter, rectal thermometer, as needed

Code Cart

AED

Suction

Critical Care Guide

Consider Anaphylaxis Kit, EKG, if appropriate

Oxygen Supplies

Oxygen tank

BVM

Oxygen masks, nasal cannula

Consider nebulizer, if needed

Intervene

RESCUE Protocol



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Critical Interventions: ABCs

Critical priorities that MUST happen first:

Airway

Position, suction, NPA

Breathing

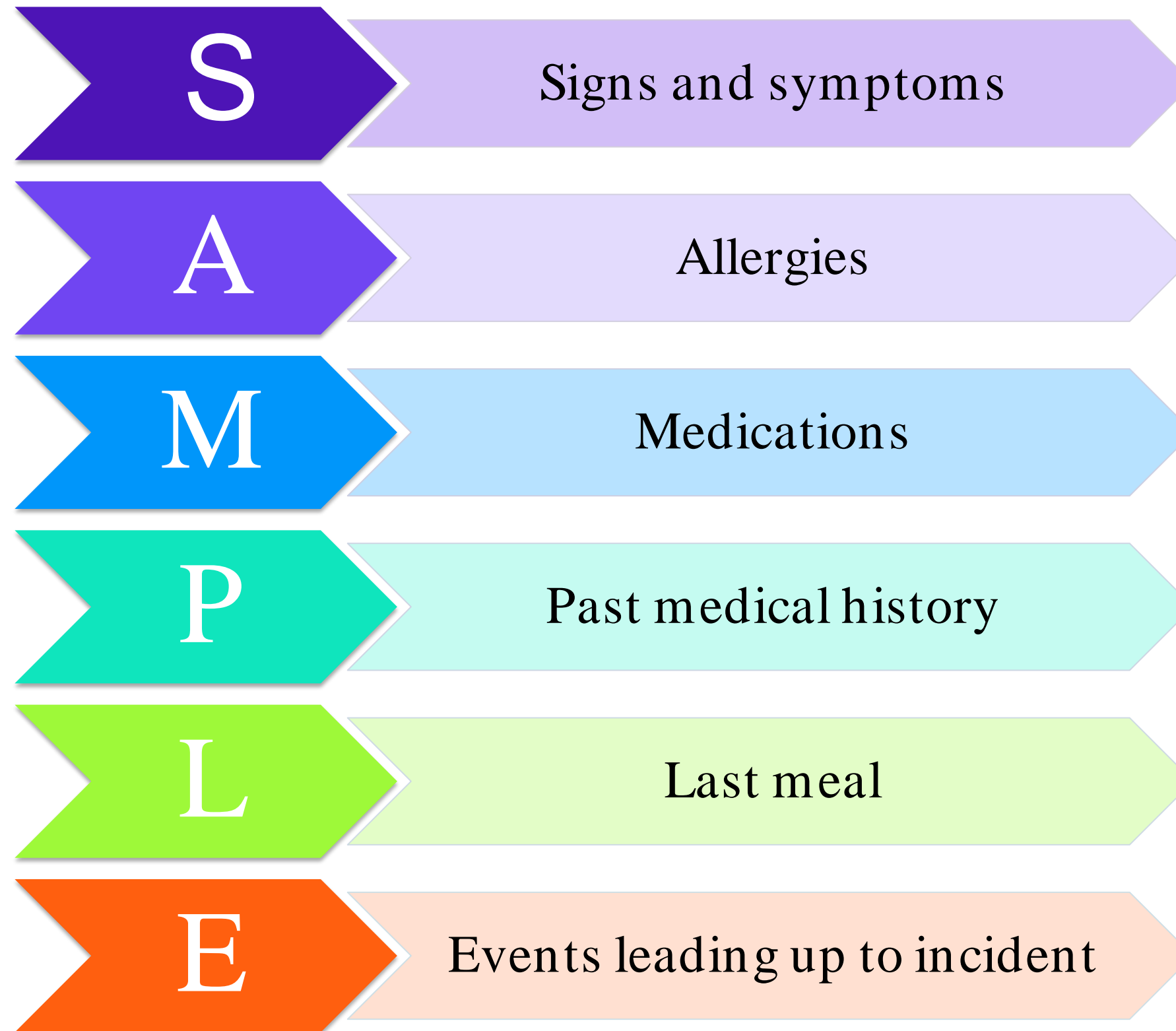
O₂ via NC, simple FM, NRB, BVM

Circulation

IV/IO access, fluid resuscitation

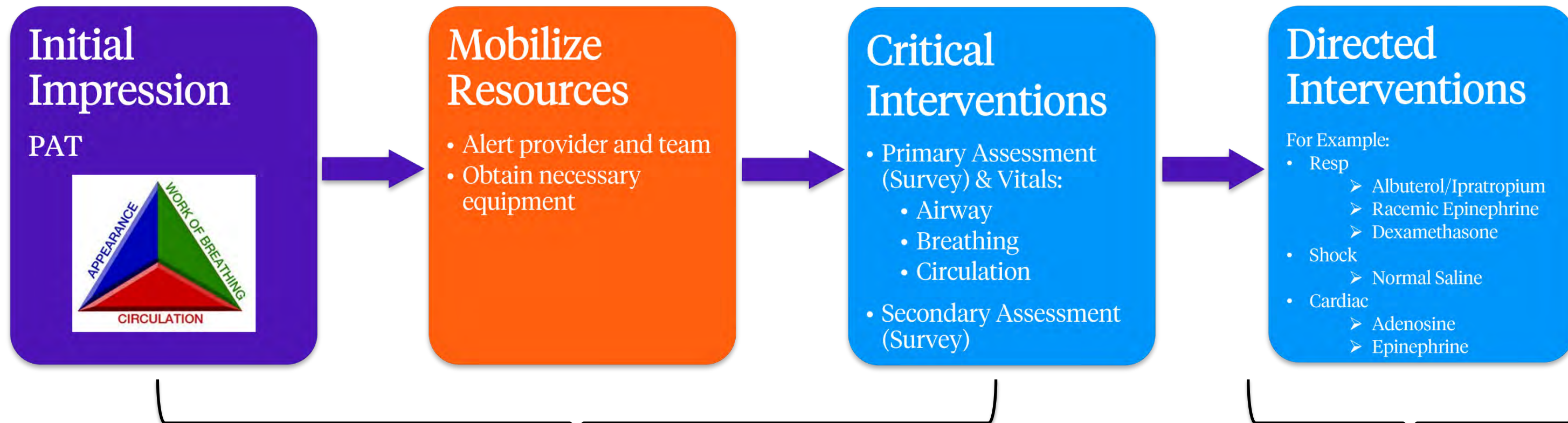
Intervene

Secondary Assessment: Obtain Focused History



Intervene

RESCUE Protocol



These first 3 steps will be the same for all critically ill patients and the underlying cause may become apparent after directed interventions should be initiated regardless of etiology

Directed Interventions

Directed interventions for specific etiologies are discussed in detail in their corresponding modules

- Respiratory
- Shock
- Cardiac
- Unresponsive/Seizure Patient


Shock

↑ Heart Rate
+/- ↓ Blood Pressure
+/- ↑ Capillary Refill
+/- AMS, pallor


Click each  to view more details

Directed Interventions


Hypovolemic Shock

- Consider CMP, CBC, dextrose
- NS bolus 20mL/kg, (max 1L) wide open, consider ondansetron, dextrose bolus PRN
- Repeat vitals and reassess frequently (q5-15 min); repeat NS bolus (up to 3x) until improved vitals/exam
- **CONSIDER EARLY TRANSFER** If hypotensive shock or poor response to above 


Distributive Shock

- Consider CMP, CBC, dextrose, cultures if sepsis suspected
- NS bolus 20mL/kg wide open, max of 80mL/kg
- Ceftriaxone 75-100 mg/kg IM/IV (max 1g) if sepsis, & give EARLY
- Epi IM (1mg/mL) 0.5 mg <30kg; 0.3mg if >30kg, if anaphylaxis
- Repeat vitals and reassess frequently (q5-15 min); repeat bolus (up to 3X) until improved, antipyretics PRN
- **CONSIDER EARLY TRANSFER** If no improvement, ↓BP, or need to repeat Epi if anaphylaxis 

Cardiogenic Shock

- If SVT suspected, vagal maneuvers (ice, bearing down, etc.)
- Adenosine 0.1mg/kg (max 6mg first dose); 0.2mg/kg (max 12 mg) for 2nd /3rd dose PRN, rapid IV push
- NS bolus (10mL/kg) over 30 min - LOW AND SLOW
- Repeat vitals and reassess frequently (q5-15min); repeat bolus (up to 3X) until improved vitals/exam
- **IMMEDIATE TRANSFER** 

Obstructive Shock

- If tracheal deviation, needle decompression, O₂ & IV/IO access, DO NOT attempt CXR
- Obtain IV access and consider IVF
- **IMMEDIATE TRANSFER** 

Initial Impression

Pediatric Assessment Triangle



Mobilize Resources

Alert provider and team
Obtain necessary equipment

Critical Interventions

Primary Assessment (Survey) & Vitals:

- Airway
- Breathing
- Circulation

Secondary Assessment (Survey)

Hx of V/D
Poor PO
Trauma

Allergic reaction
Bounding pulses
Fever
Warm

Possible ↑ respiratory effort
↑↑ HR
Cold
Mottled
Palpable liver edge
JVD
Crackle
Murmur

Absent BS
Muffled heart sounds
↓ respiratory effort
Chest pain
+/- tracheal deviation
History of trauma

Cardiac Arrhythmia

↓/↑ Heart Rate
Pallor/Cyanosis
Dyspnea
Chest Discomfort
(Pre)Syncope
AMS

If unresponsive:
Check pulse
Initiate CPR if pulseless
Attach AED and follow
Unresponsive Patient Pathway

Directed Interventions

Stable Bradycardia

- Consider EKG
- Normal EKG = No intervention
- **TRANSFER** for 2° Type II or 3° heart block
- Any other abnormal EKG = Cardiology follow-up

Unstable Bradycardia

- ↓ BP, ↓ SpO₂ with AMS = Initiate CPR & attach AED
- Epinephrine 0.01 mg/kg (0.1 mg/mL) IV q 3-5 min
- Address possible causes (H's and T's)
- **TRANSFER**

Likely Sinus Tachycardia

- If no identifiable cause or HR disproportionately high, perform EKG
- Intervene accordingly & reassess

Possible Stable SVT (vs Stable Ventricular Tachycardia)

- Obtain EKG
- See **SVT Management**
- **IMMEDIATE TRANSFER**

Unstable Tachycardia

- Perform EKG AFTER ABC's established & transfer initiated.
- If SVT, see **SVT Management**
- **IMMEDIATE TRANSFER**

Initial Impression

Pediatric Assessment Triangle



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Critical Interventions

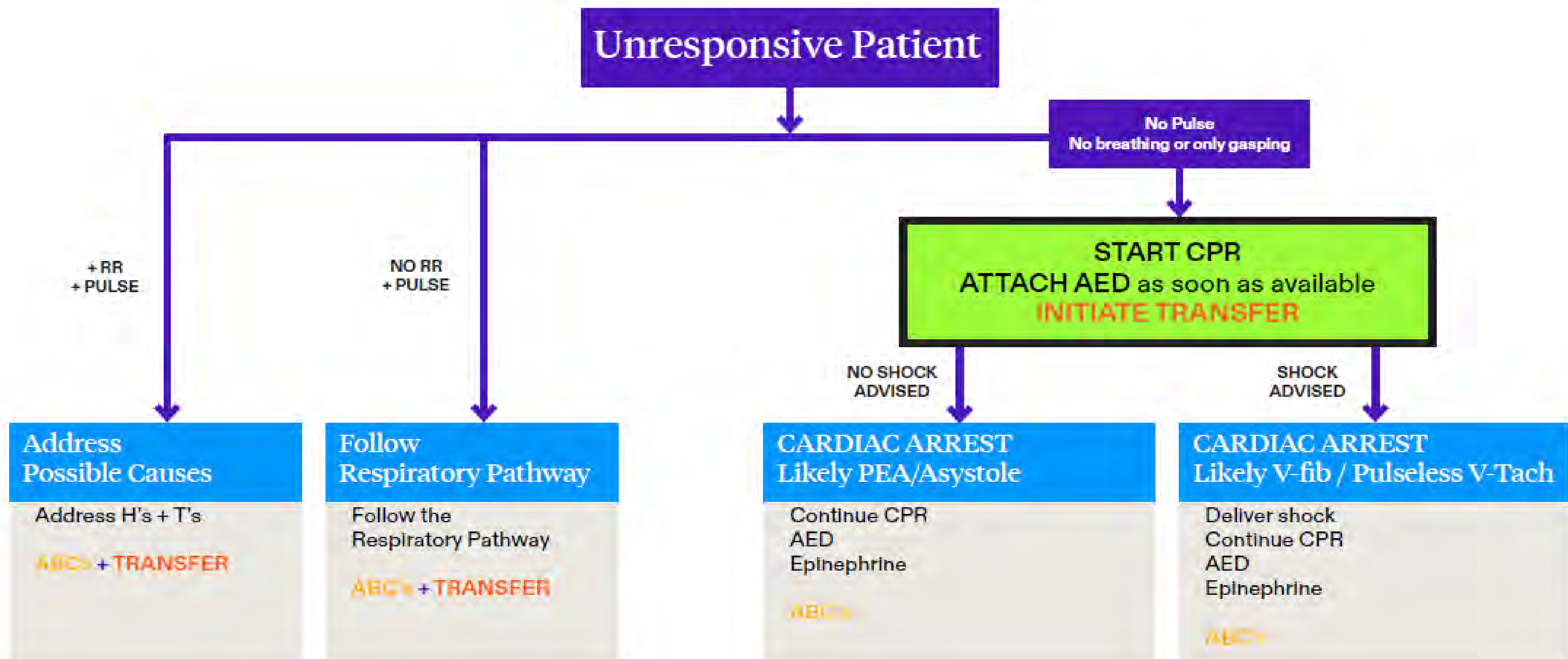
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Secondary Assessment (Survey)

Click each  to view more details

Cardiac Arrhythmia Algorithm



Unresponsive Patient Algorithm

Initiate
Early
Transfer

Determine disposition in a timely manner

Better outcomes with early transfer

Activate early, especially for signs of impending cardiorespiratory failure

Reassessment

Improved appearance? Improved effort? Improved vitals?

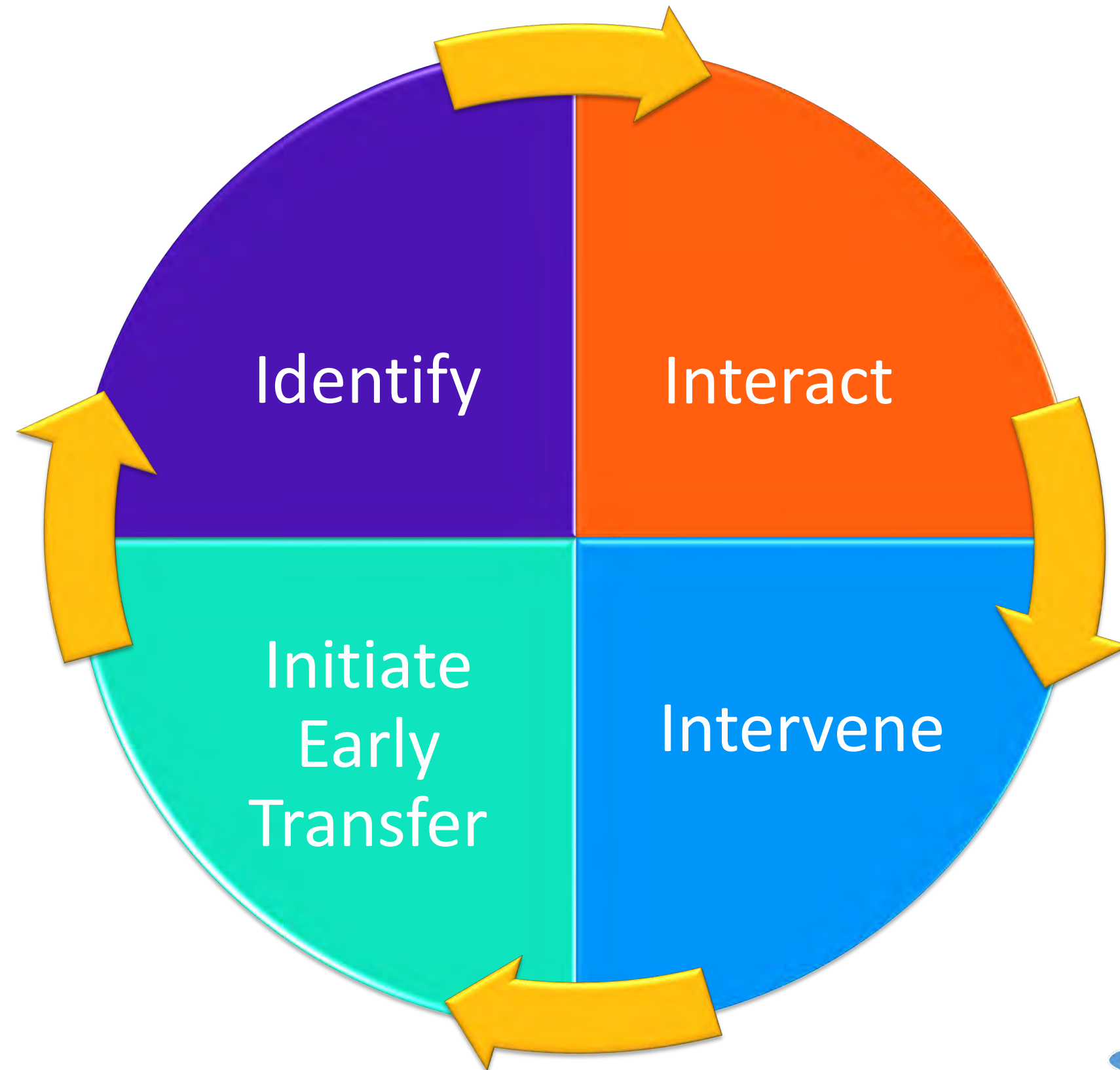
Appropriate resource allocation and office capability

“What is the likelihood that I will be able to fix this patient & send them home?”

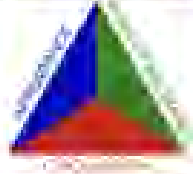
“Just because I *can* manage this patient, does it mean I should?”

When in doubt, send them out!

I⁴ RESCUE Cycle



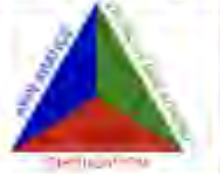
Ingraining the Habit

Identify	Initial Impression				Identify
					
Interact	Vitals				Interact
	T: Request:	P: BP:	RR: Wt:	SpO ₂	
Intervene	ABC's: Primary Assessment				Critical Interventions
	A				
	B				
	C				
	D	AVPL:			
	E				
	Secondary Assessment				Directed Interventions
	S				Reassessment (if asked): P: RR: SpO ₂ Exam:
	A				
	M				
	P				
L					
Implement/Provide	Early Transfer				Recognizes Indications for Early Transfer

Case 1

6 year old male with difficulty breathing for the last 6 hours in the setting of URI symptoms for 2 days

Scenario: 6 year old male with difficulty breathing for the last 6 hours in the setting of URI symptoms for 2 days

Identify	Initial Impression	Identify
		
Interact	Vitals	Interact
Intervene	ABC's: Primary Assessment	Critical Interventions
	A	
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Initiate Early Transfer	Early Transfer	Recognize Indications for Early Transfer


Pediatric Pearls: Asthma/RAD

- Beware of the “Happy Wheezer”
- V/Q mismatch during recruitment after bronchodilators can cause transient dip in SpO₂
- Drops in heart rate, respirations, and SpO₂ with decreased activity can be an ominous sign for impending failure
- Nebulizers can be scary: Allow parents to assist, blow-by
- Inhaler with spacer vs nebulized bronchodilator
- Dexamethasone over prednisolone
- Severity tolerated before transfer may depend on staffing and census

Case 2

12 year old female with sudden
onset of rash and labored and
noisy breathing

Scenario: 12 year old female with sudden onset of rash and labored and noisy breathing

Identify	Initial Impression	Identify
		
Interact	Vitals	Interact
Intervene	ABC's: Primary Assessment	Critical Interventions
	A	
	B	
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	Secondary Assessment	Directed Interventions
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	E	
Early Transfer	Early Transfer	Recognize Indications for Early Transfer


Pediatric Pearls: Anaphylaxis

- ALWAYS obtain a BP for anaphylaxis
- Epinephrine administration is the priority – DO NOT DELAY
- Keep epinephrine dosing simple:
 - $< 30 \text{ kg} = 0.15 \text{ mg}$
 - $> 30 \text{ kg} = 0.3 \text{ mg}$
 - can give 0.5 mg for larger patients ($> 50 \text{ kg}$)
- Warn patients and parents of epinephrine side effects
- Critical interventions (ABC's) still first, but no other Directed Intervention should supersede epinephrine
- Cetirizine is now the standard over diphenhydramine
- Hypotension deserves transfer

Case 3

3 year old male with vomiting and diarrhea for 3 days, increasingly obtunded over the past 2 hours

Scenario: 3 year old male with vomiting and diarrhea for 3 days, increasingly obtunded over the past 2 hours

Identify	Initial Impression		Identify
			
Interact	Vitals		Interact
Intervene	ABC's: Primary Assessment		Critical Interventions
	A		
	B		
	C		
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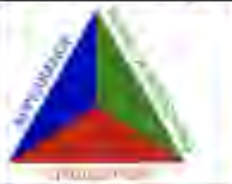
Pediatric Pearls: Hypovolemic Shock

- ALWAYS obtain a BP and D-stick for an initial impression of lethargy (be more discerning with parental report of lethargy)
 - ❖ **REMEMBER:** ↓ BP = OMINOUS late sign of impending failure in children
- Obtaining BP can be challenging in children
 - ✓ Ensure correct cuff size
 - ✓ Consider manual instead of machine
- If patient has their own glucometer with them, use their lancet
- Have list of normal values by age of all vitals readily available
- Generally, ondansetron with ORT sufficient for most pediatric AGE, but NOT for a patient with hypotension
- For hypotension and/or AMS use Push-Pull method for IV fluid delivery
- Hypotension deserves transfer

Case 4

7 month old male with poor feeding, breathing difficulty & decreased wet diapers since early this morning

Scenario: 7 month old male with poor feeding, breathing difficulty & decreased wet diapers since early this morning

Identify	Initial Impression	Identify
		
Interact	Vitals	Interact
Intervene	ABC's: Primary Assessment	Critical Interventions
	A	
	B	
	C	
	D	
	E	
	Secondary Assessment	Directed Interventions
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	H	
Initiate Early Transfer	Early Transfer	Recognize Indications for Early Transfer

EKG

Pediatric Pearls: SVT with Cardiogenic Shock

- Vagal Maneuvers



Knees to Chest



Blow Into Syringe

- 10 mL syringe x 15 sec while semi-recumbent,
- then lay with legs raised x 45 sec



Ice to Face

- Sudden, fast
- Do not block airway

- IV access should ideally be in the antecubital location
- Rapid push is the saline after the adenosine, not the actual adenosine
- Maintain continuous EKG during interventions
- Transfer due to tendency to revert

Case 5

4 year old female who began
seizing in car just prior to arrival is
carried in by parent

Scenario: 4 year old female who began seizing in car just prior to arrival is carried in by parent

Identify	Initial Impression	Identify
		
Interact	Vitals	Interact
Intervene	ABC's: Primary Assessment	Critical Interventions
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evaluate Early Transfer	Early Transfer	Recognize Indications for Early Transfer

Pediatric Pearls : Unresponsive/Seizing Patient

- Preferred and safest methods of midazolam delivery are buccal or IN
- Buccal Midazolam
 - Best administered with child lying on their side. Can place more anteriorly (in front and below lower front teeth) when child is supine or administer with child held upright
 - Use a syringe (no needle) to place liquid medicine between
- Do not forget option of a D-stick as cause for seizure



Determine disposition in a timely manner

Immediate transfer if:

Any red flags are present

or

Any key interventions for
specific conditions are repeated

Examples:

- >1 racemic epi for croup
- >1 epi for anaphylaxis
- Asthma/croup presenting with significant hypoxia
- Altered mental status
- Neurovascular compromise
- Seizures (unless simple febrile)

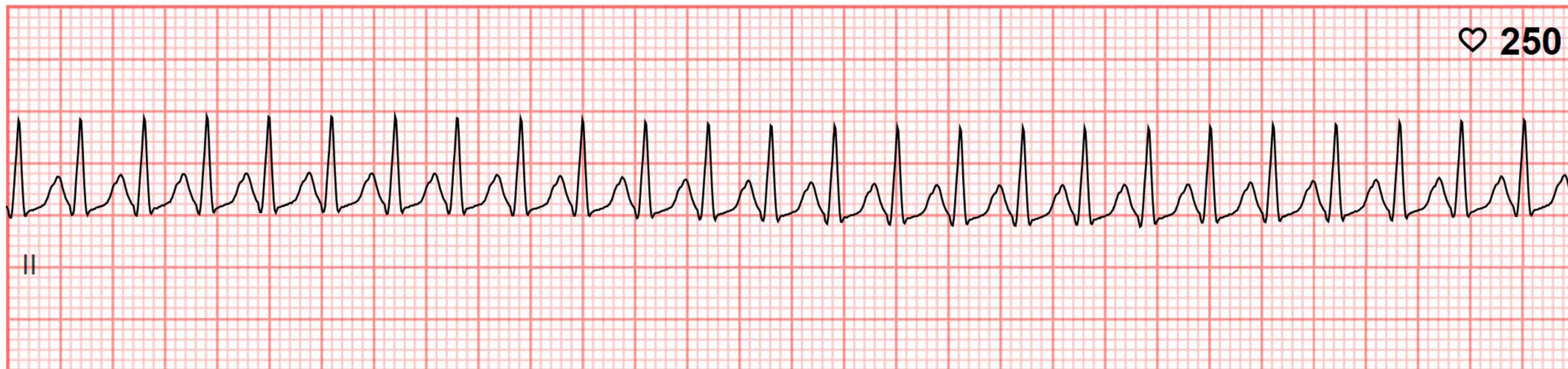
Early transfer to advanced care can be crucial to
successful management of the critically ill child

Questions?



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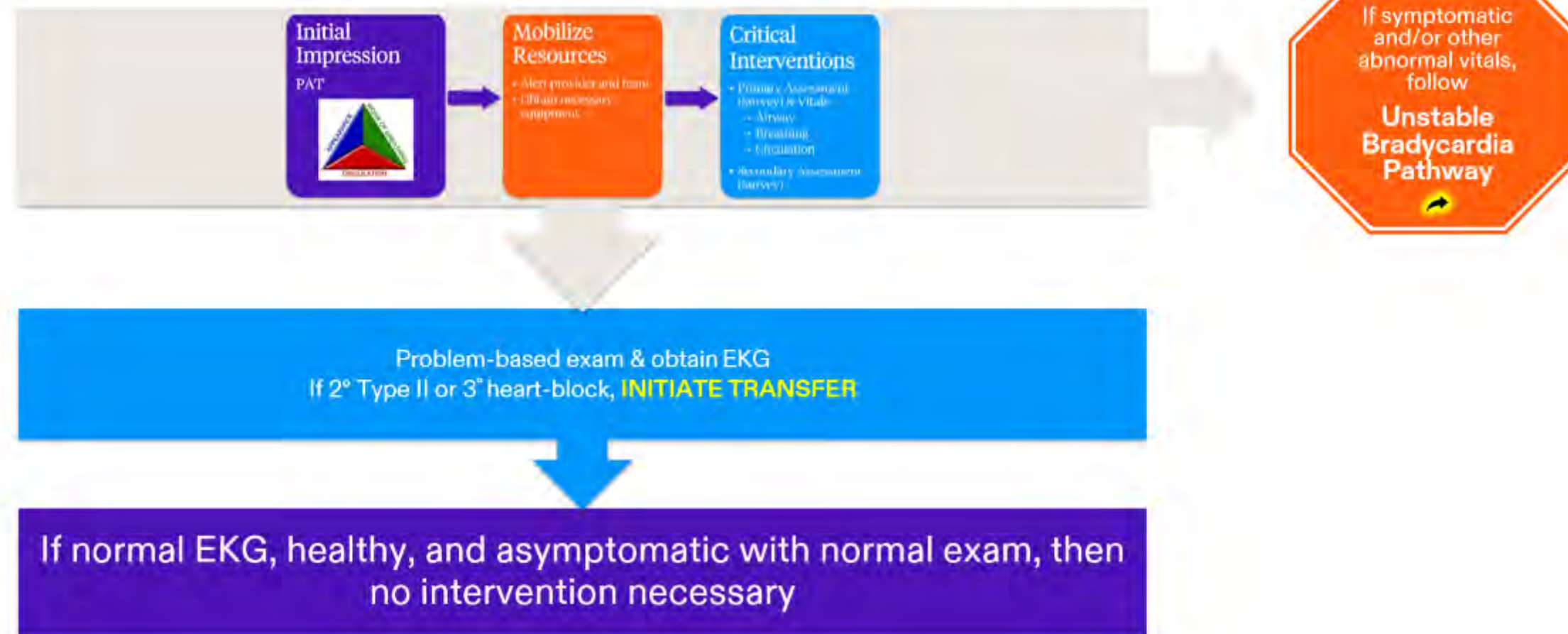
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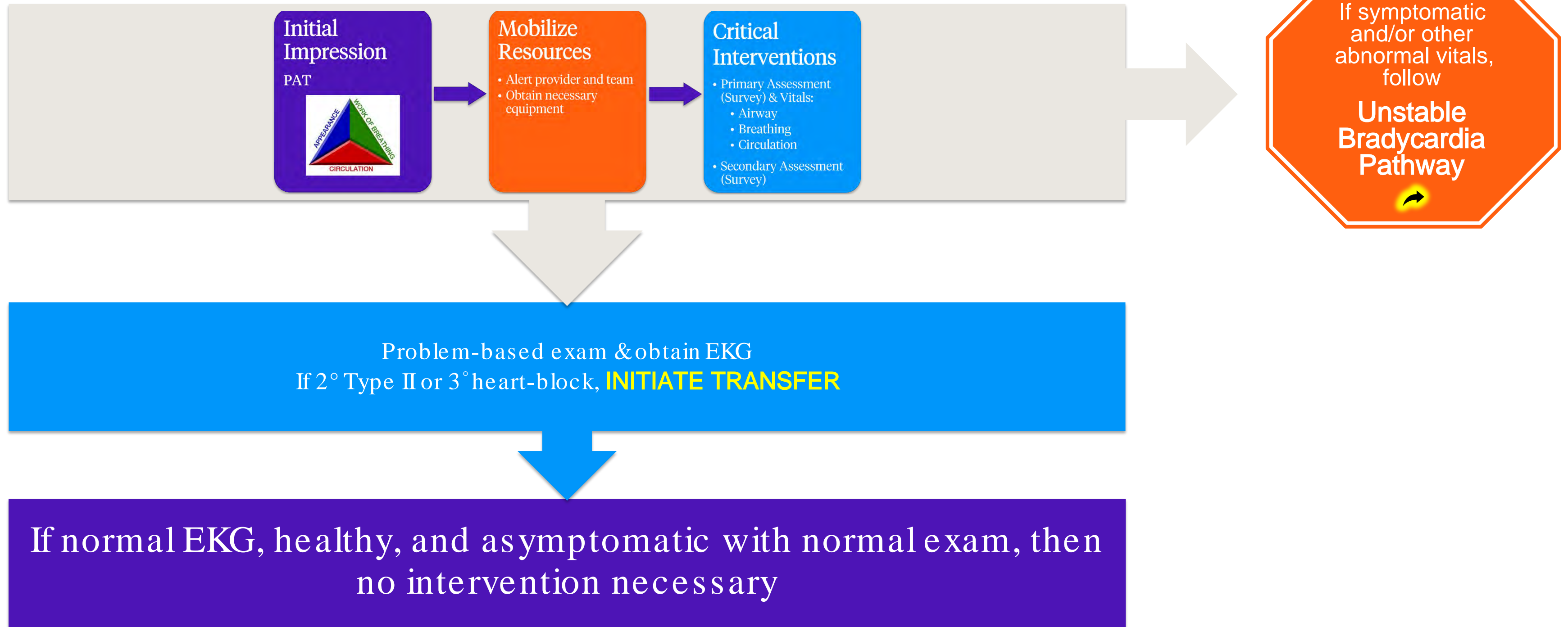
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Stable Bradycardia



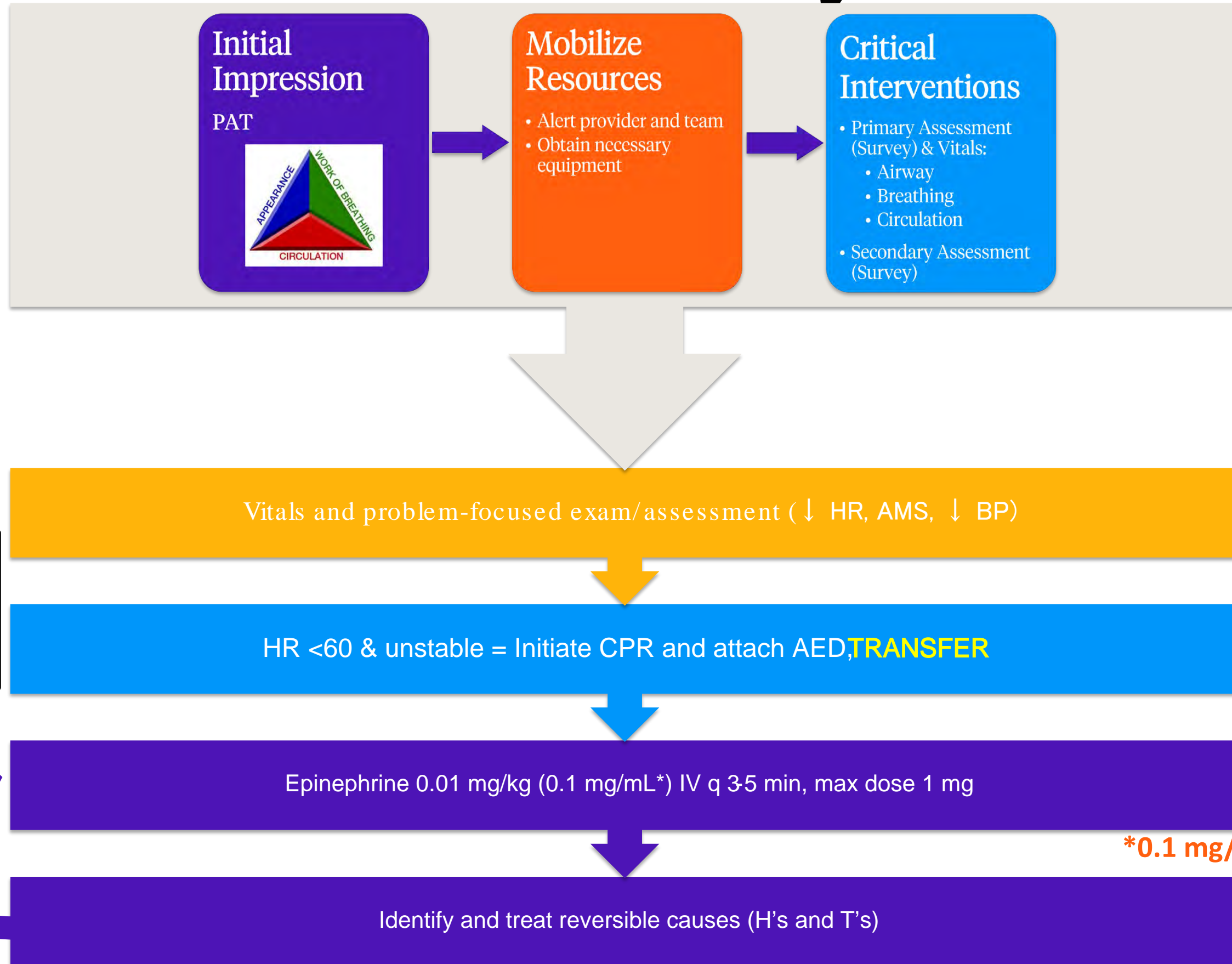
Stable Bradycardia



Unstable Bradycardia



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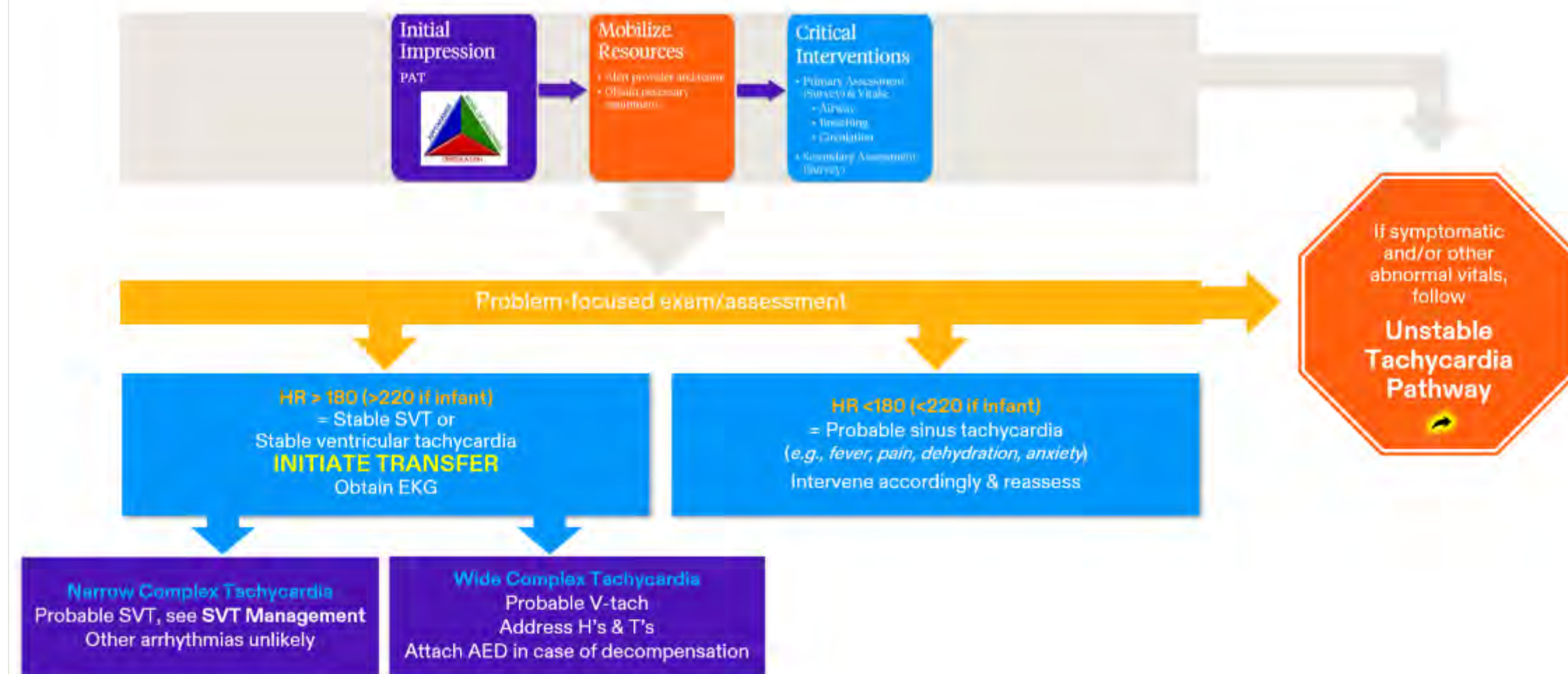


Remember to
**INITIATE EARLY
TRANSFER!**

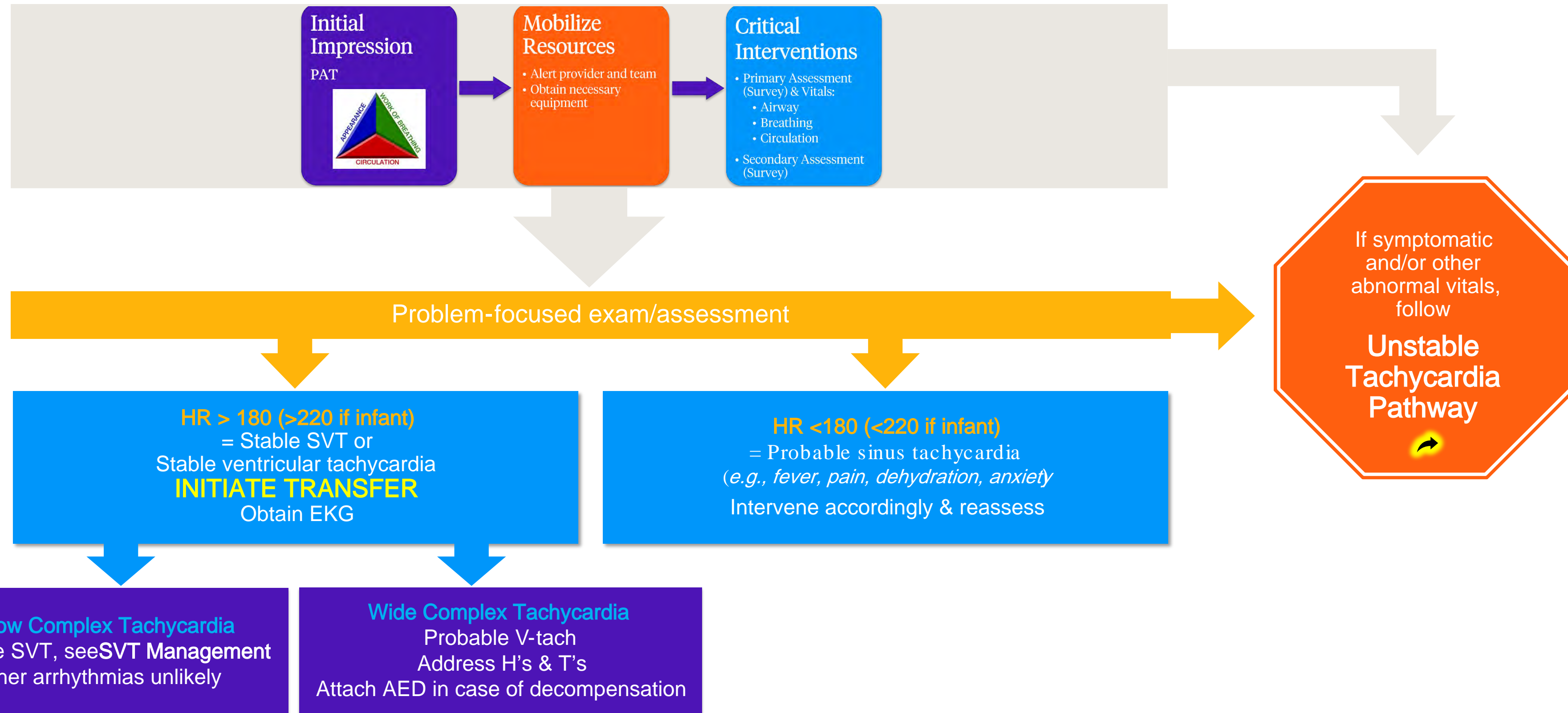
Reassess &
intervene as
necessary)

*0.1 mg/mL formulation = formerly 1:10,000

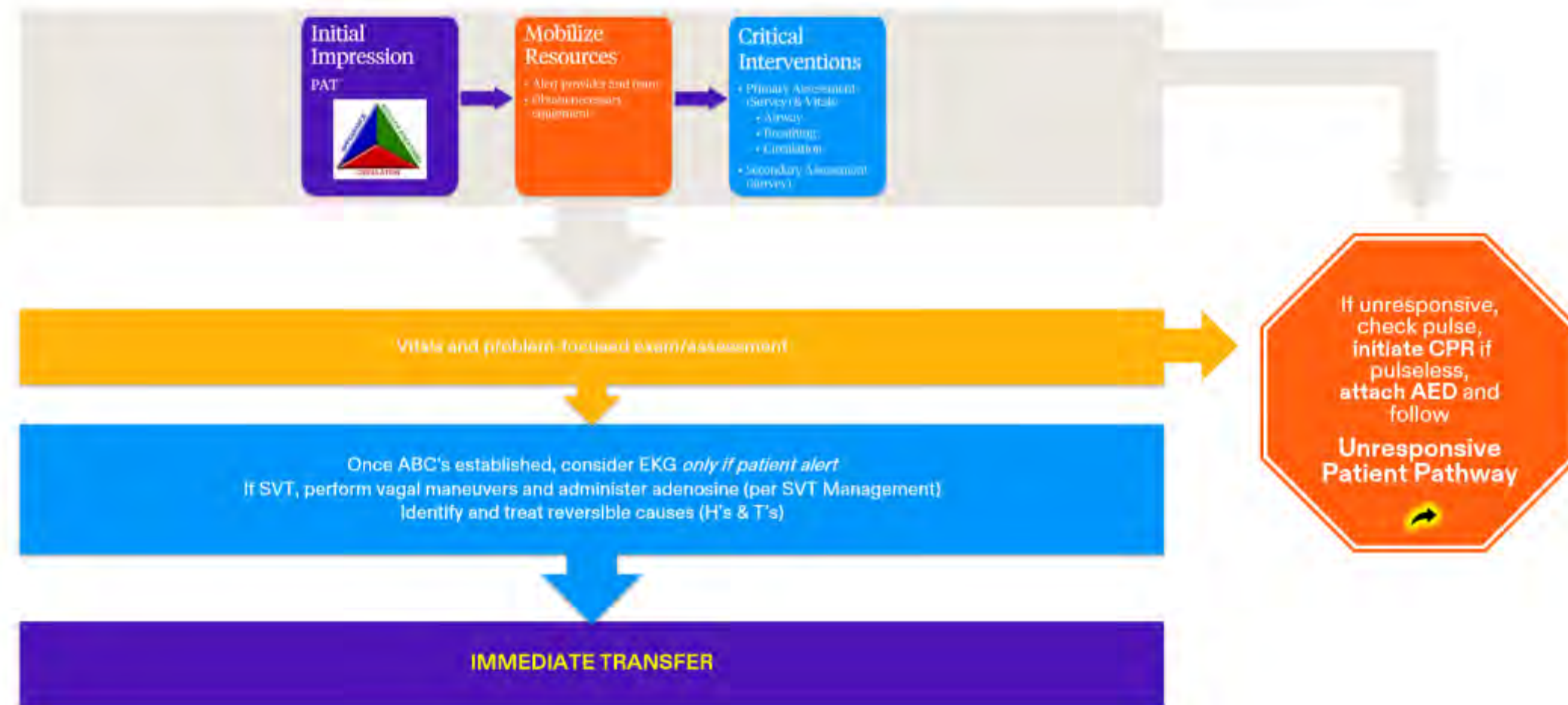
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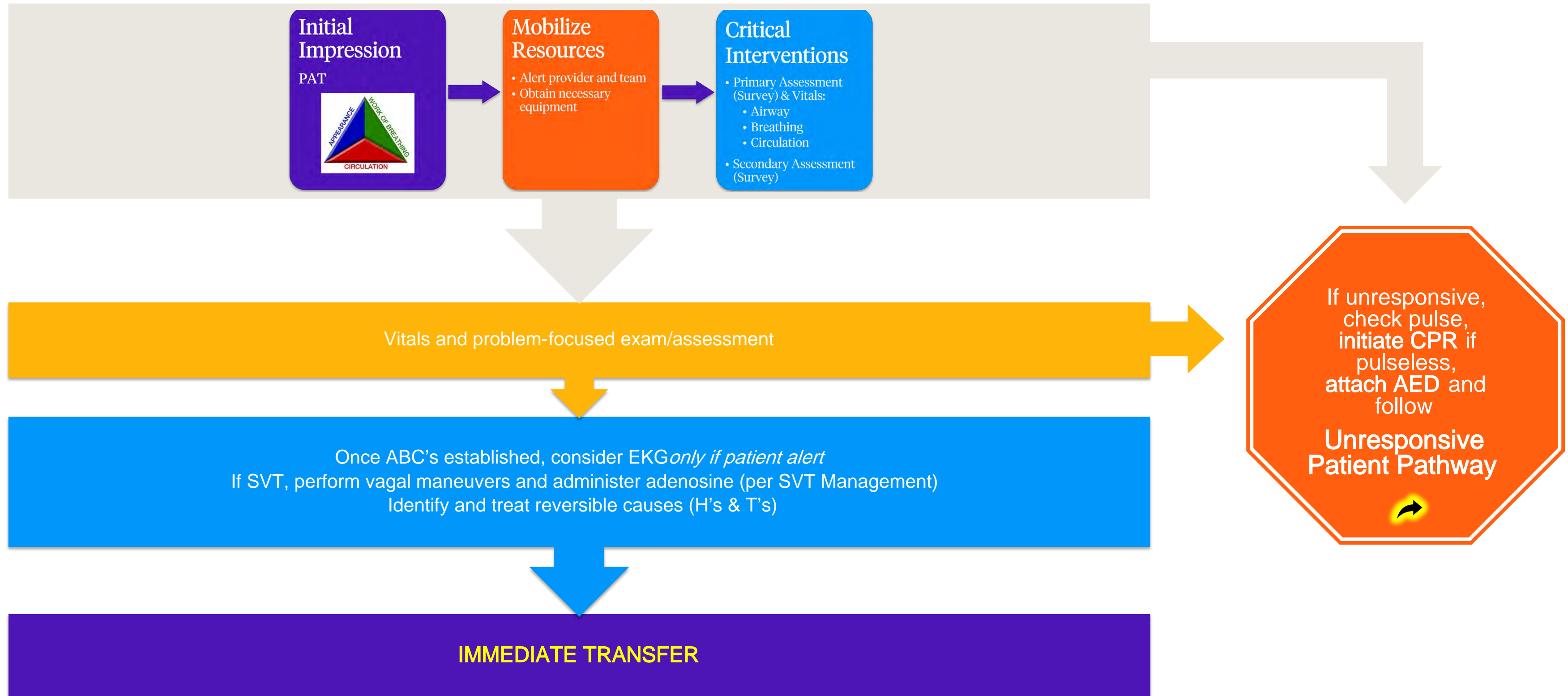
Stable Tachycardia



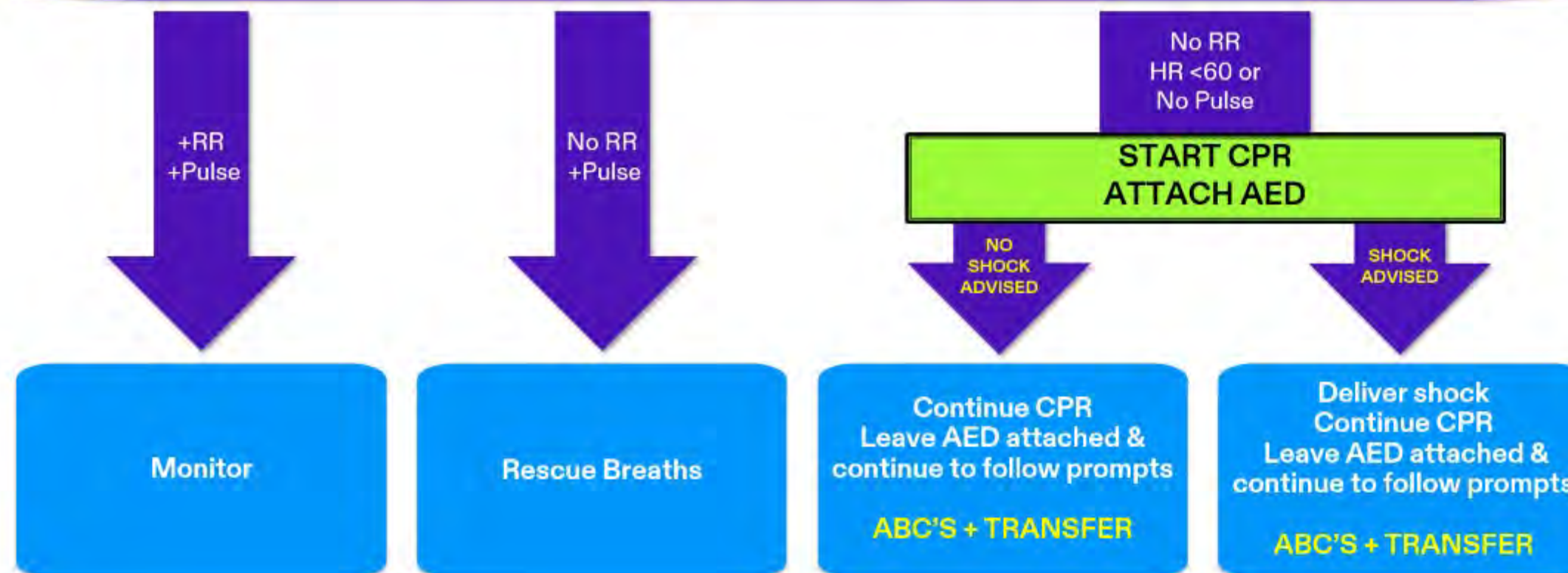
Unstable Tachycardia



Unstable Tachycardia



Unresponsive Patient



Unresponsive Patient

+RR
+Pulse

Monitor

No RR
+Pulse

Rescue Breaths

No RR
HR <60 or
No Pulse

**START CPR
ATTACH AED**

NO
SHOCK
ADVISED

Continue CPR
Leave AED attached &
continue to follow prompts

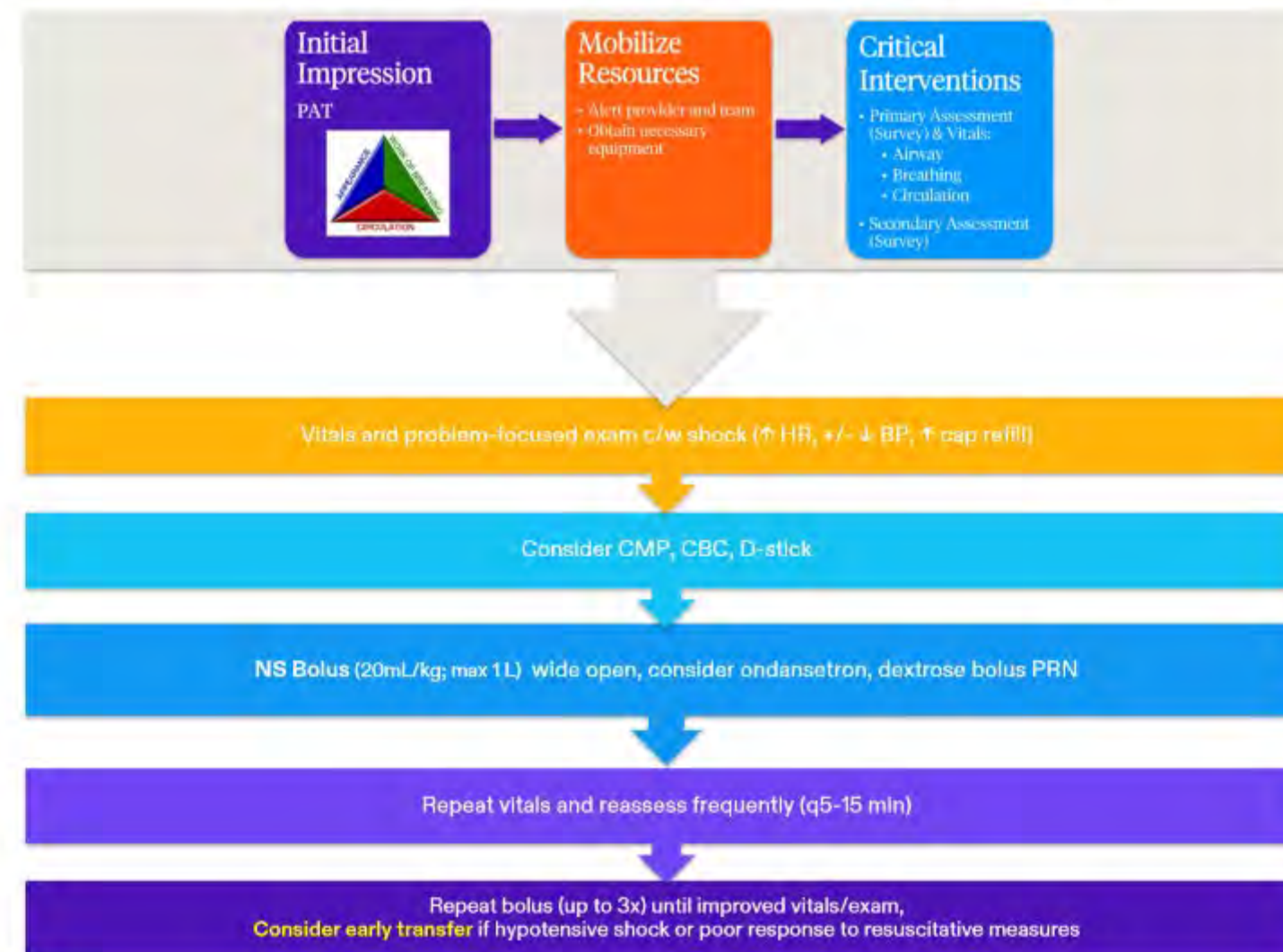
ABC'S + TRANSFER

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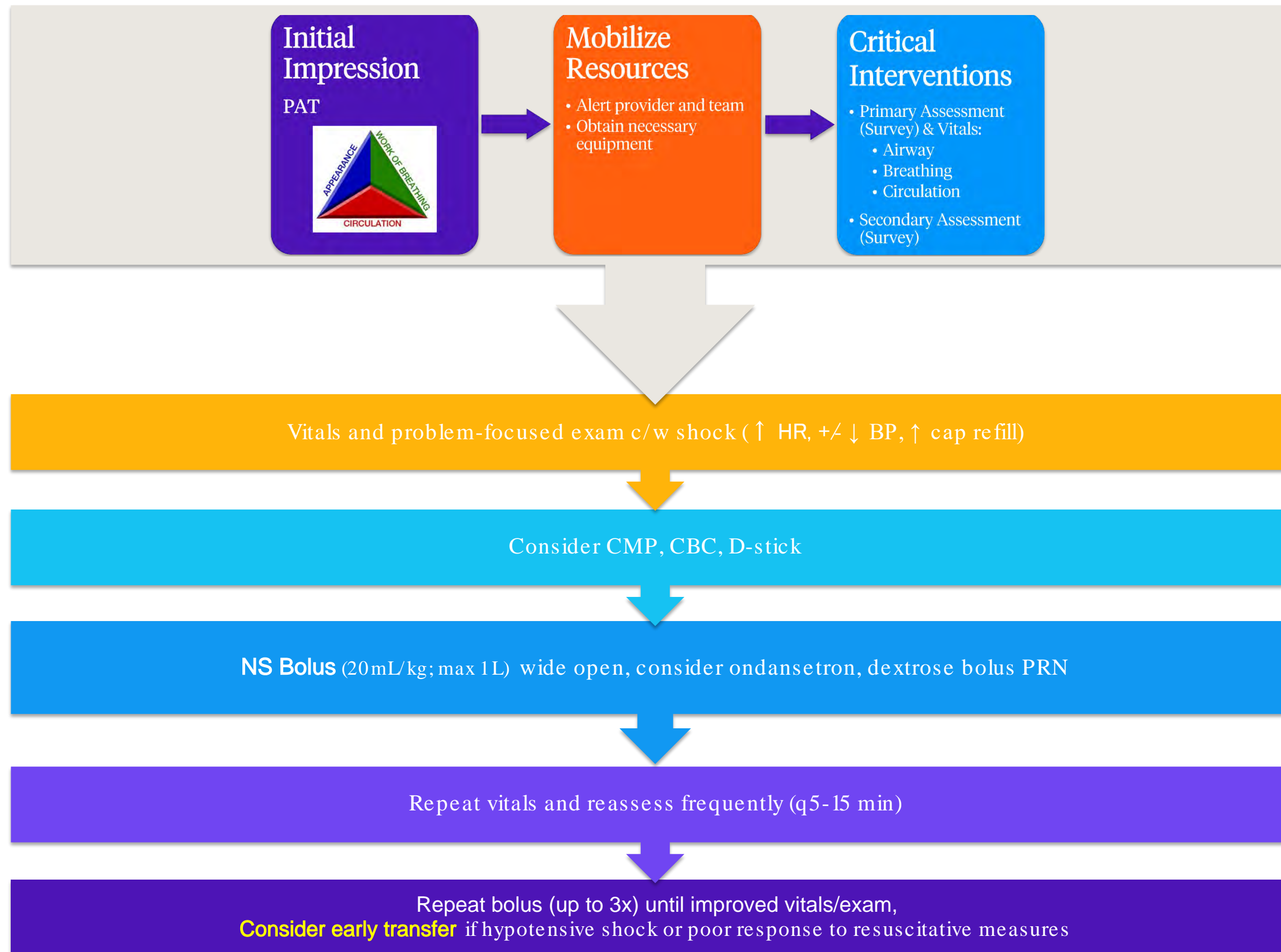
Deliver shock
Continue CPR
Leave AED attached &
continue to follow prompts

ABC'S + TRANSFER

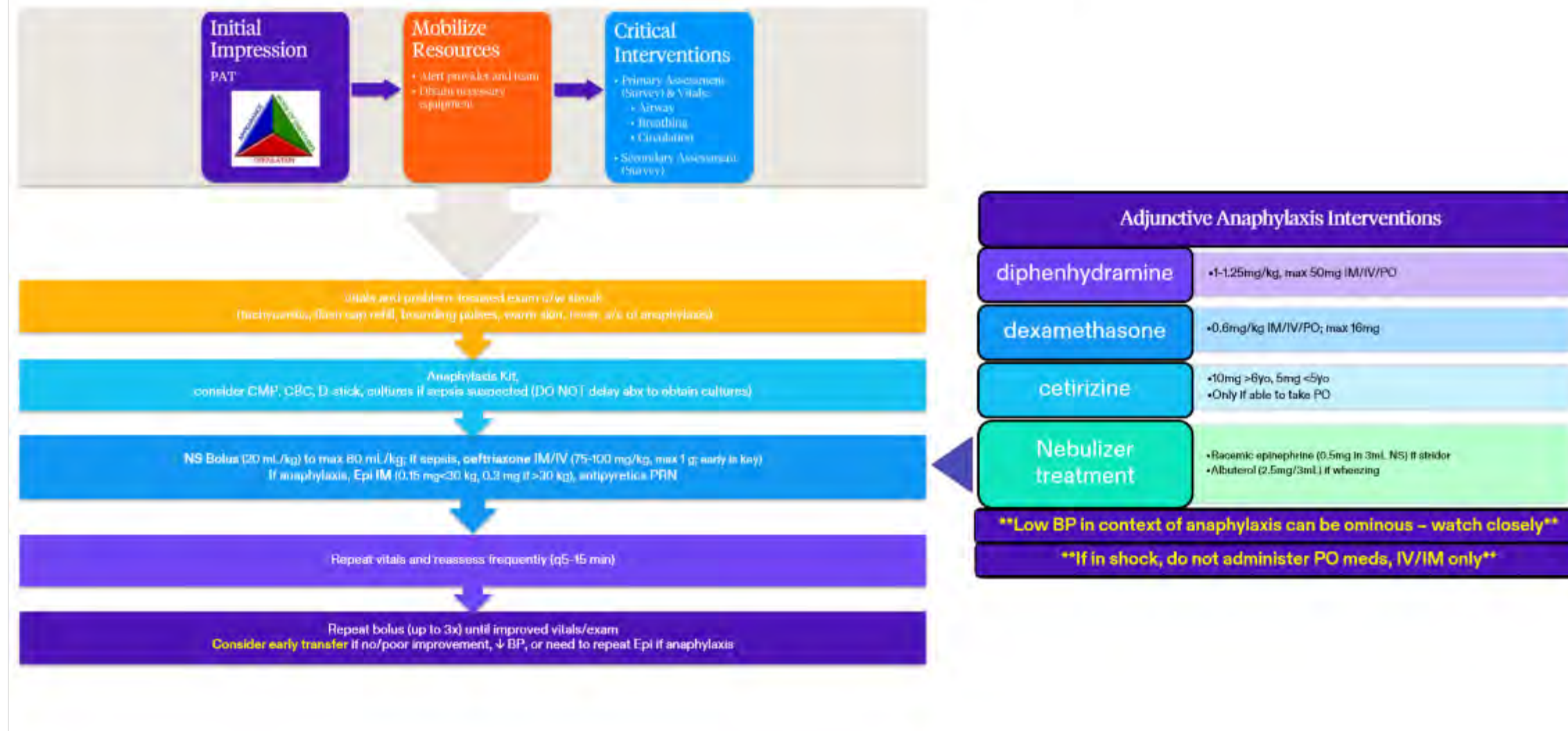
Hypovolemic Shock



Hypovolemic Shock



Distributive Shock



Distributive Shock

Initial Impression

PAT



Mobilize Resources

- Alert provider and team
- Obtain necessary equipment

Critical Interventions

- Primary Assessment (Survey) & Vitals:
 - Airway
 - Breathing
 - Circulation
- Secondary Assessment (Survey)

Vitals and problem-focused exam c/w shock
(tachycardia, flash cap refill, bounding pulses, warm skin, fever, s/s of anaphylaxis)

Anaphylaxis Kit,
consider CMP, CBC, D-stick, cultures if sepsis suspected (DO NOT delay abx to obtain cultures)

NS Bolus (20 mL/kg) to max 80 mL/kg; if sepsis, **ceftriaxone** IM/IV (75-100 mg/kg, max 1g; early is key)
If anaphylaxis, **Epi IM** (0.15 mg <30 kg, 0.3 mg if >30 kg), antipyretics PRN

Repeat vitals and reassess frequently (q5-15 min)

Repeat bolus (up to 3x) until improved vitals/exam
Consider early transfer if no/poor improvement, ↓ BP, or need to repeat Epi if anaphylaxis

Adjunctive Anaphylaxis Interventions

diphenhydramine

- 1-1.25mg/kg, max 50mg IM/IV/PO

dexamethasone

- 0.6mg/kg IM/IV/PO; max 16mg

cetirizine

- 10mg >6yo, 5mg <5yo
- Only if able to take PO

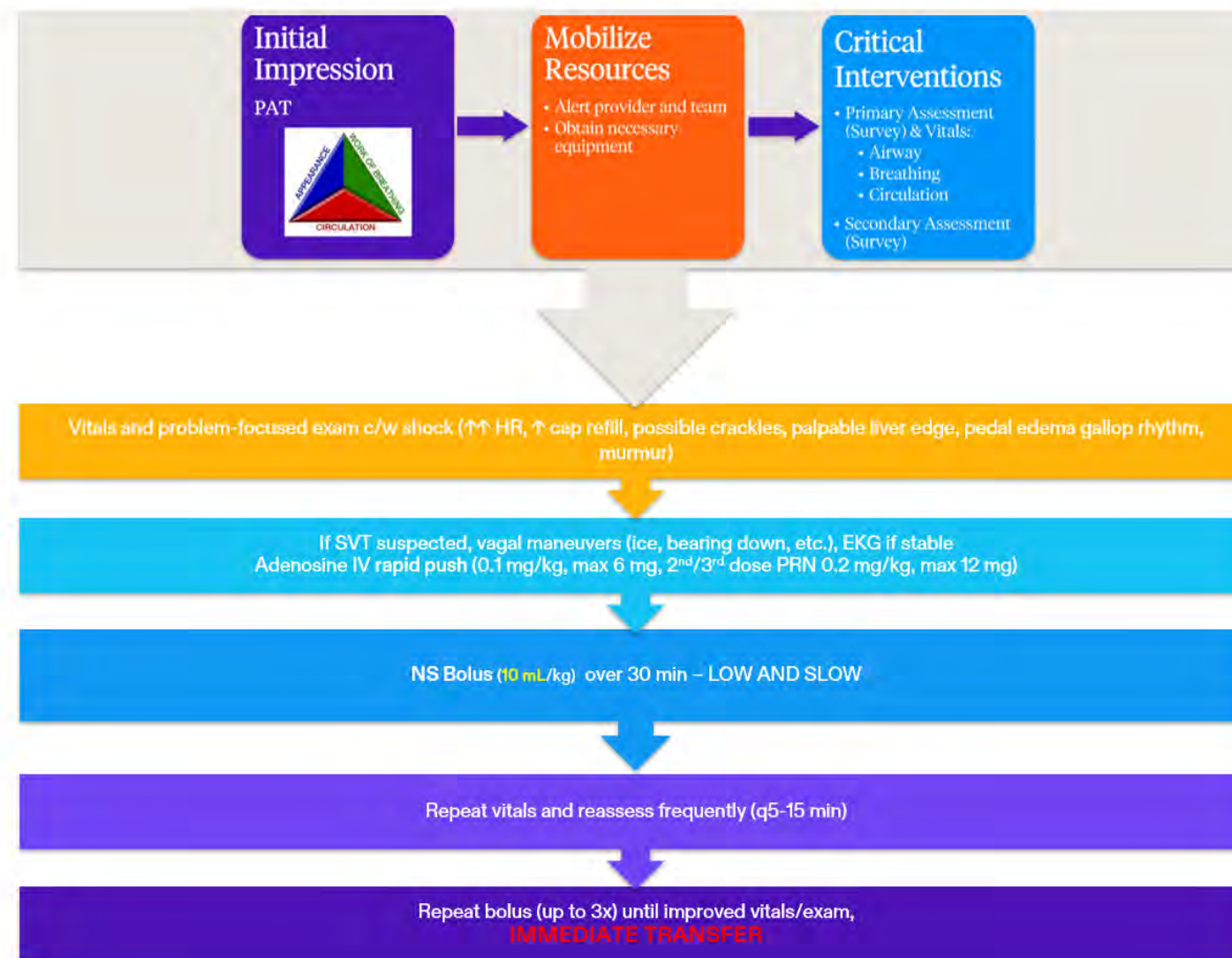
Nebulizer treatment

- Racemic epinephrine (0.5mg in 3mL NS) if stridor
- Albuterol (2.5mg/3mL) if wheezing

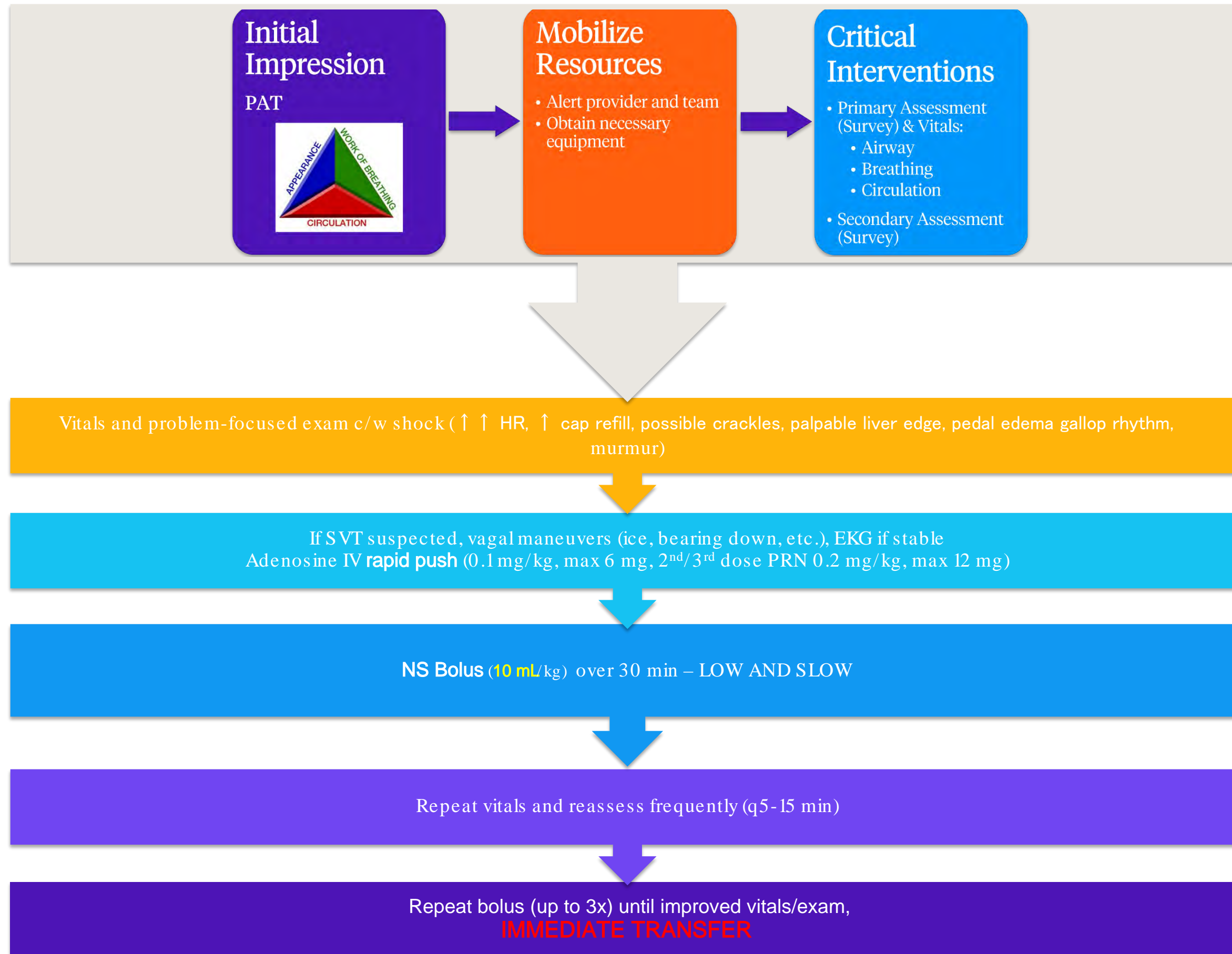
****Low BP in context of anaphylaxis can be ominous – watch closely****

****If in shock, do not administer PO meds, IV/IM only****

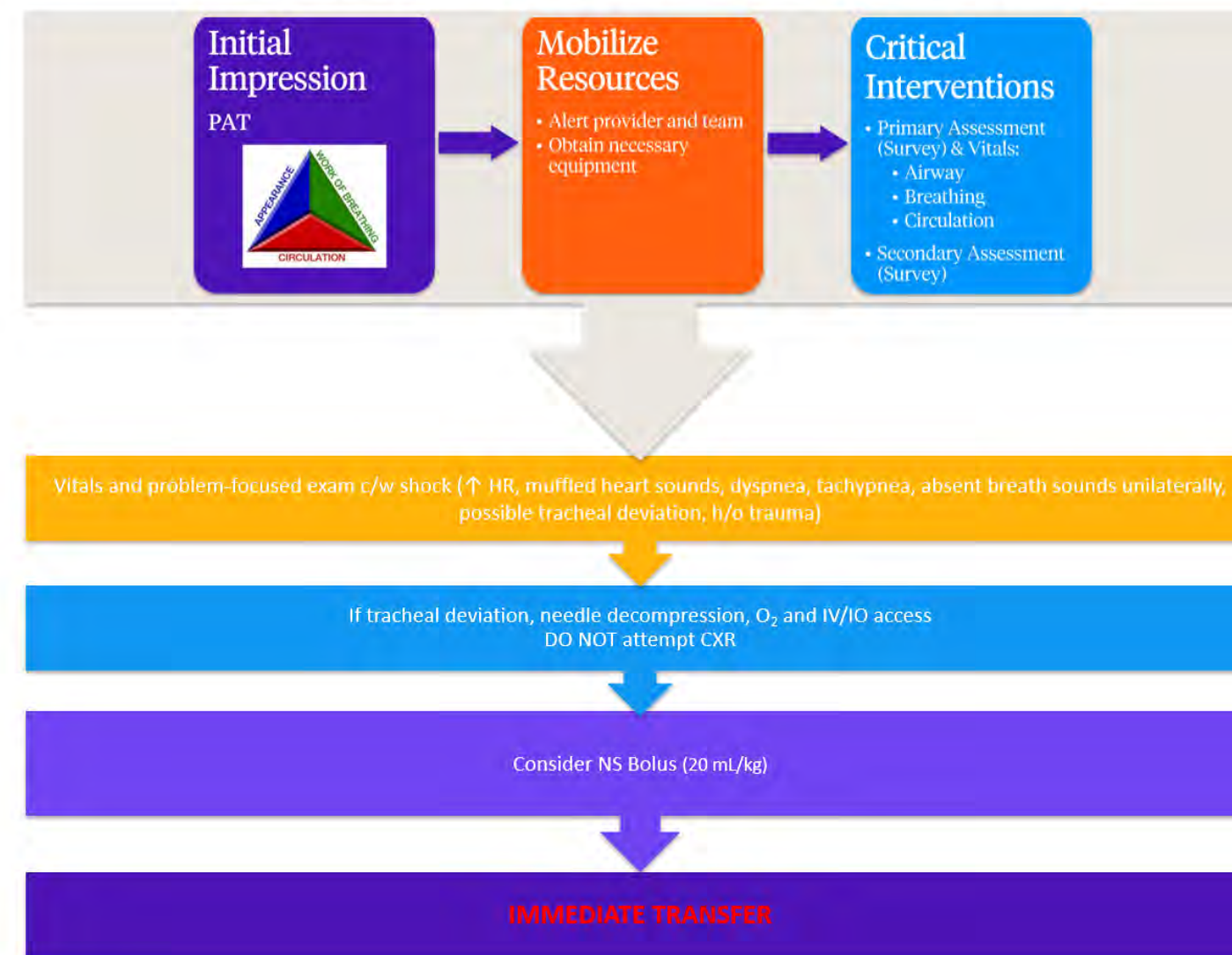
Cardiogenic Shock



Cardiogenic Shock



Obstructive Shock



Obstructive Shock

