



Acute and Emergency Scenarios

01/05 Clinical Drop In Workshop



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Introduction

WIPER

'I'm going to have a brief chat with you and then do a top to toe assessment'

In your OSCEs they may have wavering consciousness!

AMPLE History

- Allergies
- Medications
- PMH - targeted questions
- Last eaten (surgical)
- Events

Tips for A-E

- Reassess continuously
- Intervene if you find an issue → reassess

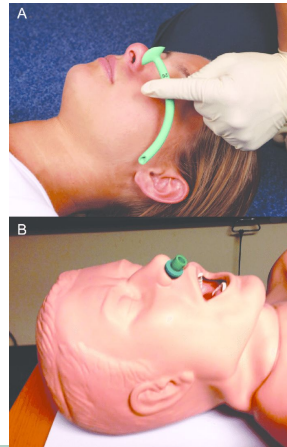
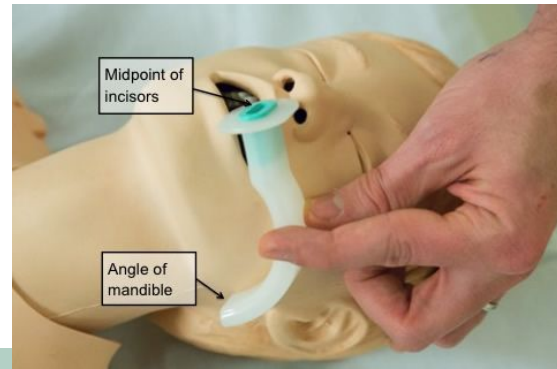
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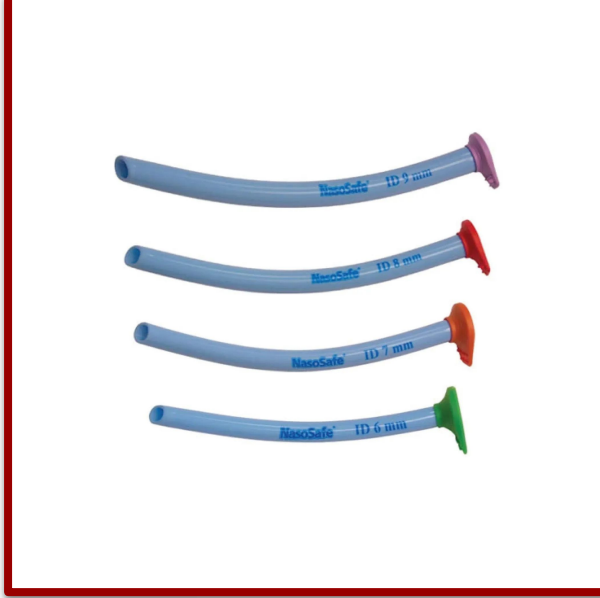
What do we assess?

- Patent - speaking
- Added noises - snoring, stridor, gurgling
- Look for anything in the mouth

Management

- Suction
- Airway manoeuvres - head tilt chin lift, jaw thrust
- Airway adjuncts - oropharyngeal, nasopharyngeal
- Ask the nurse to get the crash trolley
- Call the anaesthetist / put crash call out





Breathing

Obs - RR, SaO₂

- Look – distress, accessory muscles, obs monitors
- Listen – breath sounds
- Feel – percuss, chest expansion, trachea central

Ix -

- ABG/VBG,
- CXR,
- Peak flow

Management

- Sit them up – pulmonary oedema
- Oxygen - 15L O₂ NRBM
 - Venturi if COPD
- Tension pneumothorax – aspirate (needle decompression)
- Wheeze – bronchodilators (salbutamol 5mg in neb)
 - If asthma can give it together with ipratropium

Circulation

Obs

- BP and HR
- Look - pallor, clammy, grey
- Peripheral perfusion - temperature, CRT
- Central - apex, HS

Ix

- Cannulate - as you put it in take bloods
- ECG

Management

- Fluids through cannula - 500ml NaCl/ Hartmann's bolus in 30 minutes → 250ml if HF/ frail
- Consider blood loss - haematology
 - G+S, crossmatch
 - Major haemorrhage protocol
- STEMI → cardiologist, PCI lab
- Catheterisation

Disability

What are we assessing?

- Pupils - equal and reactive to light?
- AVPU or GCS
- Capillary blood glucose
- Temperature

Management

- Hypo box for hypoglycaemia
- DKA management
- Naloxone if opioid overdose
- If high T - consider sepsis

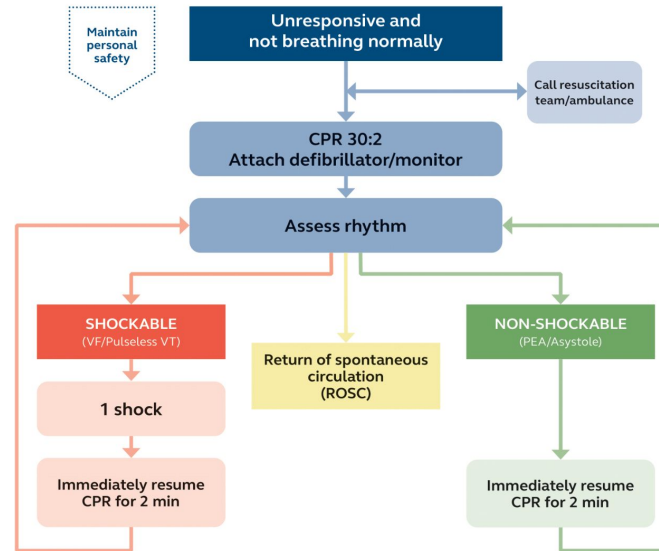
Exposure

Draw curtains round to preserve patients dignity

Tell patient what you're going to do

- Assess back
- Look for Bruising, rash, bleeding (FAST; USS) – chest, abdo, pelvis, long bones
- Calf size and tenderness
- Bony deformities
- Wounds, sores
- Surgical sites
- Abdo exam

Adult advanced life support



Give high-quality chest compressions, and:

- Give oxygen
- Use waveform capnography
- Continuous compressions if advanced airway
- Minimise interruptions to compressions
- Intravenous or intraosseous access
- Give adrenaline every 3–5 min
- Give amiodarone after 3 shocks
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- Hypoxia
 - Hypovolaemia
 - Hypo-/hyperkalaemia/metabolic
 - Hypo/hyperthermia
 - Thrombosis – coronary or pulmonary
 - Tension pneumothorax
 - Tamponade – cardiac
 - Toxins
- Consider ultrasound imaging to identify reversible causes

Consider

- Coronary angiography/percutaneous coronary intervention
- Mechanical chest compressions to facilitate transfer/treatment
- Extracorporeal CPR

After ROSC

- Use an ABCDE approach
- Aim for SpO₂ of 94–98% and normal PaCO₂
- 12-lead ECG
- Identify and treat cause
- Targeted temperature management

Next steps

- **Document**
- **Full** comprehensive Hx + examination
- **Review** - drug chart, any results
- **Inform** senior/ nurse --> handover to ward team
- Reassess after interventions
- Plan for
 - Investigations - Bedside, bloods, imaging
 - Management

SBAR handover

- Situation - who? Where? When? What? Why?
- Background - overview of patient
- Assessment
- Recommendation - differentials, how urgent? Do they need review?

Trauma

A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● C spine – board, tape, collar● Jaw thrust● Intubation if GCS<8
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chest wall subcutaneous emphysema● ATOMFC (airway, tension pneumothorax, open pneumo, massive haemo, flail chest, cardiac tamponade)
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Consider HAEMORRHAGE - 4 areas of bleeding (Chest, abdomen, pelvis, long bones → remember G+S/crossmatch)
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Full neuro assessment if spinal injury
E	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Consider log rolling → Secondary survey● FAST scan

Cases to Practice

A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anaphylaxis ● Airway obstruction
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asthma ● COPD ● Pneumothorax ● Pneumonia ● PE
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACS ● Pulmonary oedema ● Arrhythmias ● Arrest ● Sepsis ● AAA rupture ● Shock (tamponade) ● UGI bleed ● Cardiogenic shock ● Malignant hypertension

D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seizure ● Head injury ● Raised ICP ● Stroke ● meningitis/ encephalitis ● Coma and overdose ● SAH ● Delirium
Metabolic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DKA ● HSS ● Hypoglycaemia ● Myxoedemic coma ● Thyrotoxic crisis ● Addisonian ● Toxicity - opioids, paracetamol, alcohol ● Hyperkalaemia ● Burns
Surgical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pancreatitis ● PR bleed ● Appendicitis ● Cholecystitis, cholangitis ● Bowel obstruction ● Post op complications

Tips

Tailor it - e.g.: if Chest pain - can ask for ECG straight away

Talk through it as real life scenario - e.g.: I would ask x to do an ECG

- You can ask for another healthcare professional (e.g.: nurse) to be there at the start or for observations at the start

Be systematic so you don't forget tasks

Remember to always reassess - especially as soon as you complete an intervention

- E.g. measure BP again if you have prescribed and administered fluids to assess haemodynamic status - *you do not necessarily need to A-E again*

Call for help earlier rather than later

Practice SBAR - summary sentence at end of SBAR

Any questions ?