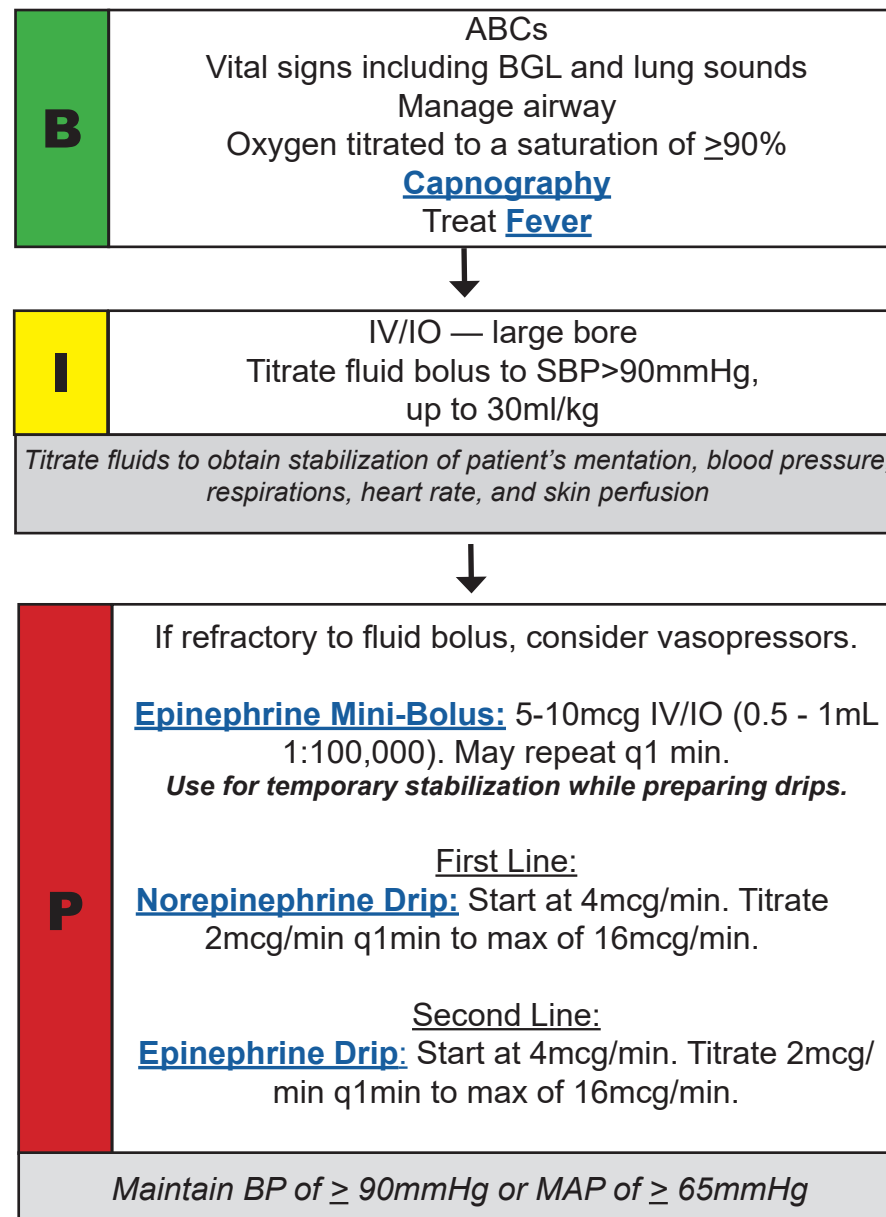


Adult Sepsis / Septic Shock

Designation of Condition: The patient may be hypotensive (with widened pulse pressure), tachycardic, and tachypneic. Mental status changes may be present, ranging from mild disorientation to coma. Fever is typical, but hypothermia is possible. Refer to the “Infection Control” guideline when treating patients with suspected or confirmed sepsis.



KEY POINT

**EARLY NOTIFICATION: IF PATIENT MEETS SIRS + HYPOTENSION (SBP ≤ 100 mmHg)
DECLARE SEPTIC SHOCK ALERT**

Modified SIRS Criteria

Suspicion of infection plus 2 of the following:

- Temperature $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $< 36^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($> 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $< 96.8^{\circ}\text{F}$)
- Heart rate: Tachycardia > 90
- Respiratory Rate: Tachypneic > 20
- ETCO₂ < 25 mmHg can indicate increased mortality

Septic Shock

2 of the above + hypotension (SBP < 90 mmHg)

FIRST MEDICAL CONTACT TO TRANSPORT < 10 MINUTES