

# MANAGEMENT OF THE COLLAPSED NEONATE

## INITIAL RESUSCITATION IS GENERIC ABCD+D(Duct)

Use a 2222 paediatric call to gather the team with the skills for advanced resuscitation  
**AND** call SORT as soon as possible: **02380 775502**

APPLY CONTINUOUS MONITORING:  $SpO_2$  & BP ON RIGHT ARM (PRE-DUCTAL), ECG

<b>Airway &amp; Breathing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Oxygen with reservoir bag <i>OR</i> use Ayres T-piece for CPAP &amp; bag-mask ventilation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>DO NOT LIMIT OXYGEN DURING INITIAL PHASE OF RESUSCITATION</b></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Circulation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ IV or IO access + venous gas</li><li>○ If shocked use 5mls/kg isotonic crystalloid boluses, titrated to heart rate &amp; BP<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Stop if deterioration in shock, hypoxia, tachypnoea or signs of heart failure (liver edge)</b></li></ul></li><li>○ Use 0.5 to 1ml boluses of adrenaline (<i>diluted</i> as per the SORT drug calculator) for profound hypotension/shock, titrated to pulse volume &amp; BP</li><li>○ Give Cefotaxime (50mg/kg) &amp; Amoxicillin (60mg/kg)*</li><li>○ IF HR&gt;200 consider SVT (<i>see arrhythmia guideline</i>) and consider adenosine trial</li></ul>
<b>Disability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Check blood sugar, ammonia and correct hypoglycaemia**</li><li>○ Treat seizures*** and look for signs of raised ICP or focal neurology</li></ul>
<b>Duct (PDA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Start</b> Dinoprostone at 50ng/kg/min if weak/absent femoral pulses <i>or</i> hypoxaemia/shock persist</li></ul>

## REASSESSMENT:

Evidence of persistent pre-ductal hypoxaemia, severe respiratory distress, apnoea, shock, ongoing seizures or raised intracranial pressure?

**IF YES: INTUBATE and VENTILATE (using Ketamine & Rocuronium) and update SORT**

### PERSISTENT HYPOXAEMIA: PREDUCTAL $SpO_2 < 75\%$ in $FiO_2 1$

Low pulmonary blood flow (PPHN/anatomical)  
**OR** TGA **OR** primary respiratory pathology:  
**Speak to SORT Consultant**

1.  $FiO_2 = 1$
2.  $PaCO_2 = 4-4.5kPa$
3. Increase Dinoprostone (max 100ng/kg/min)
4. SORT [nitric oxide *OR* on-site septostomy]

### PERSISTENT SHOCK: HYPOTENSION OR LACTATE $> 4$

5mls/kg fluid boluses **only** if responsive +  
0.5-1ml boluses of *dilute* adrenaline prn:

1. PERIPHERAL ADRENALINE (start 0.1mcg/kg/min)
2. CALCIUM GLUCONATE 10% (0.5mls/kg) bolus

If central access (or IO line):

3. ADD NORADRENALINE (start 0.05mcg/kg/min)
4. Consider HYDROCORTISONE (2.5mg/kg)

Only consider reducing  $FiO_2$  if preductal  $SpO_2 > 75\%$  and cyanotic congenital heart disease is suspected

## Broad Differential: Sepsis, Cardiac, Abuse, Metabolic, Seizures (SCAMS)

### \*SEPSIS:

Add aciclovir if encephalitis or  
<2wks/coagulopathic/deranged  
LFTs/shocked/maternal risk factors  
(*low threshold*)

### \*\*HYPOGLYCAEMIA:

10% dextrose 2mls/kg &  
8 mg/kg/min glucose with  
maintenance. Blood ketones +  
metabolic screen + consider steroid  
deficiency

### \*\*\*SEIZURES/COMA:

Metabolic screen/**ammonia**,  
consider CAH/steroid deficiency,  
consider CT head, remember NAI  
(check Hb)