BLEEDING, SHOCK, POISONING...

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Overview

- Bleeding
- Shock
- Allergic reactions
- Poisoning
- Snake and insect bites
- Diabetic emergencies



BLEEDING

- Arterial
- Venous
- Capillary



BLEEDING

External

Internal

Trauma

Spontaneous

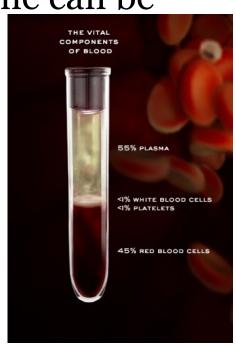
BLEEDING

- Adults are 60% fluid by weight
- Only 13% of this fluid is located in bloodstream

Acute loss of 40% of the blood volume can be

fatal

- Blood:
 - 60% plasma fraction
 - 40% erythrocyte volume

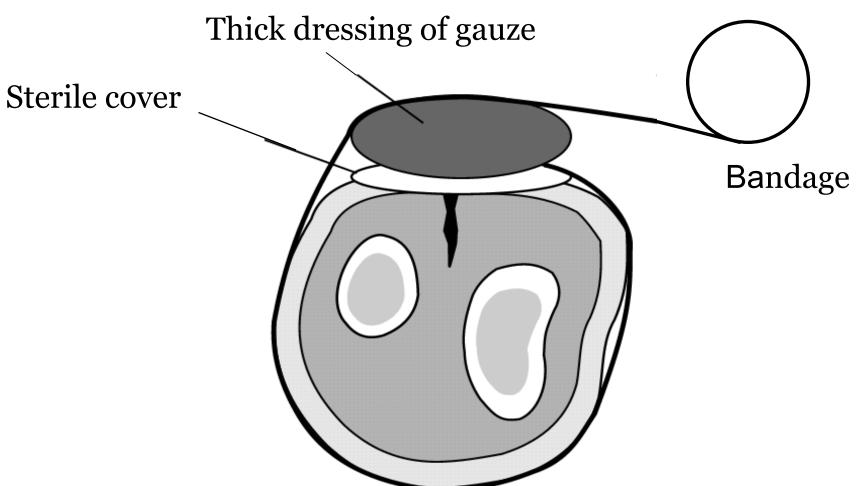


Severe bleeding - first aid

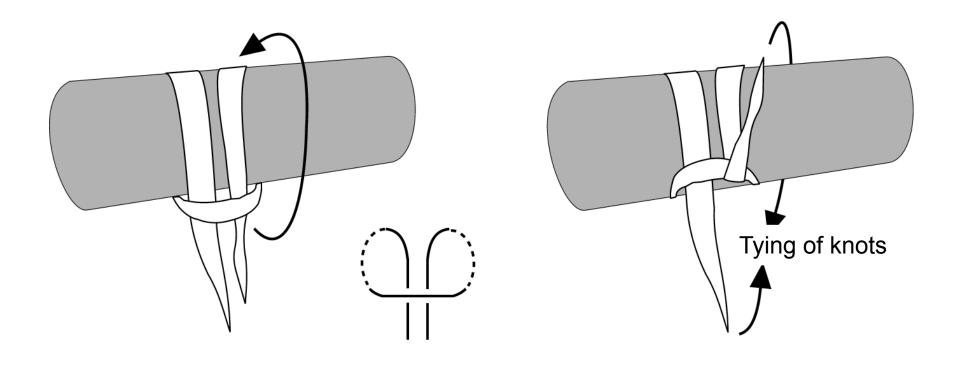
- Often arterial
- Apply direct pressure over wound
- Raise and support injurt arm
- Prevent and minimize effects of shock



Arterial bleed - pressure dressing



Severe bleeding - amputation



Application of tourniquet

Nosebleed



- Rupture of blood vessels (sneezing, picking, blowing the nose)
- High blood pressure
- Till head forward allow the blood to drain
- Breath through mouth
- Pinch the soft part of the nose, keep pinching (10 min)
- After 10 min. release the pressure

Bleeding from the ear

- Connected with trauma
- Half sitting position
- Head tilted to the injured side allow blood to drain away
- Sterile dressing or a clean pad in place on the ear
- Send to hospital

Bleeding from the mouth

- Cuts the tongue, lips
- Dental extraction
- Blood may be inhaled into the lungs!
- Sitting position, head forward
- Allow blood to drain from the mouth
- Place a gauze pad over the wound, hold the pad and press on the wound for 10 min.

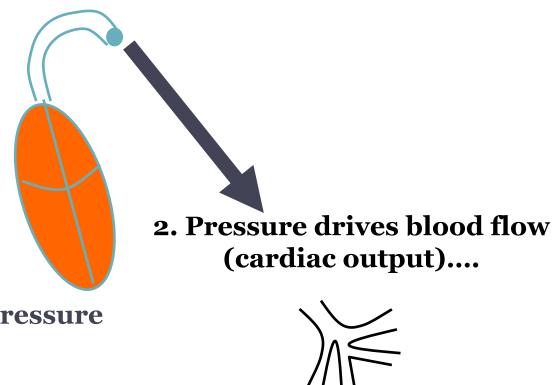


SHOCK



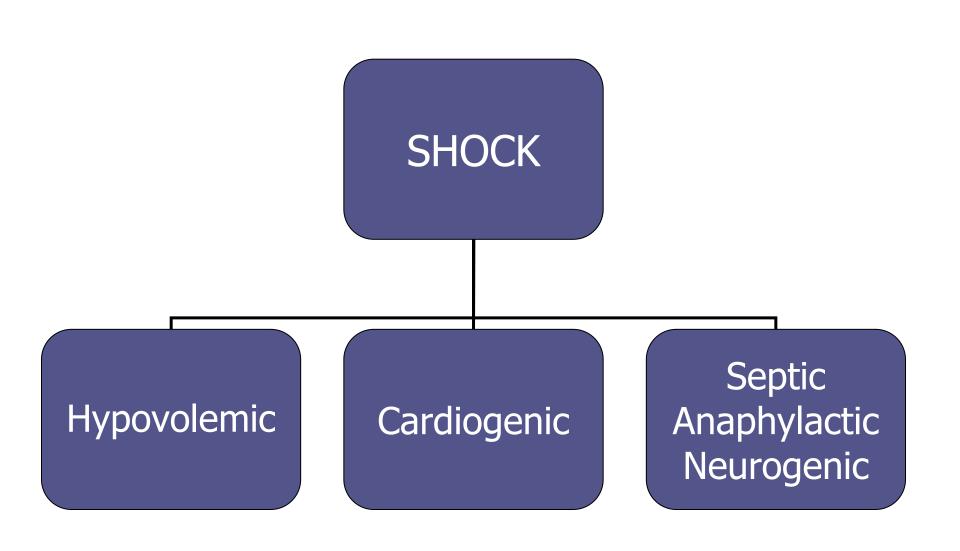
Tissue perfusion inadequate for the metabolic needs of the patient

Basic Physiology



1. Pump generates blood pressure

3. Through a tight network of vessels providing a resistance



Hypovolemic shock

- Severe bleeding hemorrhagic shock
- Loss of other body fluids
 - Burns loss of plasma through the burned skin surface
 - Dehydration loss of water and electrolytes due to diarrhea, vomiting
 - Ileus Blockage in the intestine

Hemorrhagic shock

Internal bleeding Bleeding from body openings

- Anus: hemorrhoids
 (fresh, bright red),
 disease or injury to the intestine
 (black melena)
- Urethra: bleeding from the bladder, kidneys or urethra
- Vagina: pregnancy or recent childbirth, injury



Traumatic shock

 Bleeding combined with exudation into tissue, toxic effect of fragments of damaged tissue



Hypovolemic shock

Mild

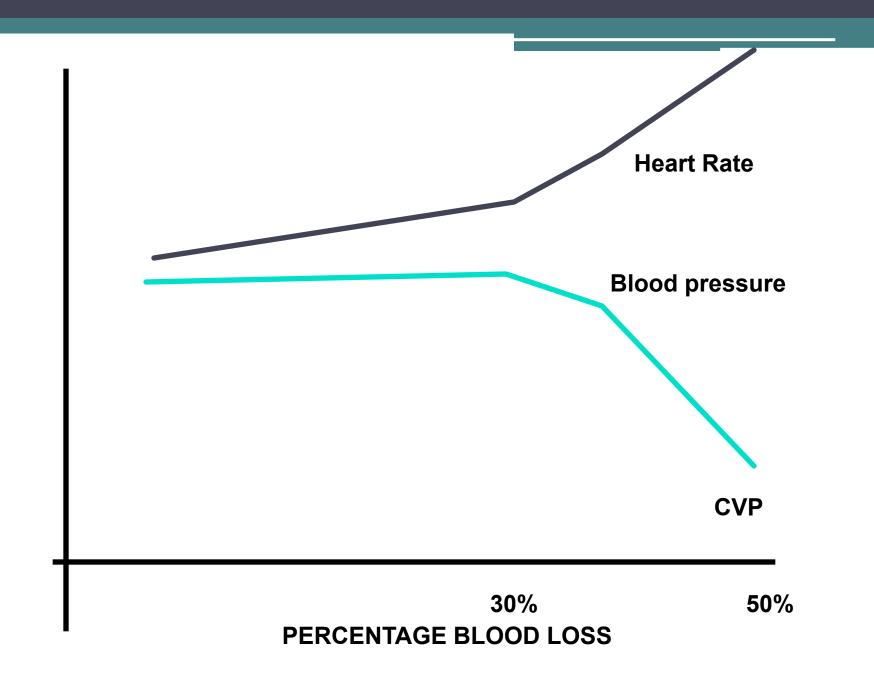
Loss of 10-20 % of the circulatory volume
 (500-1000 ml)

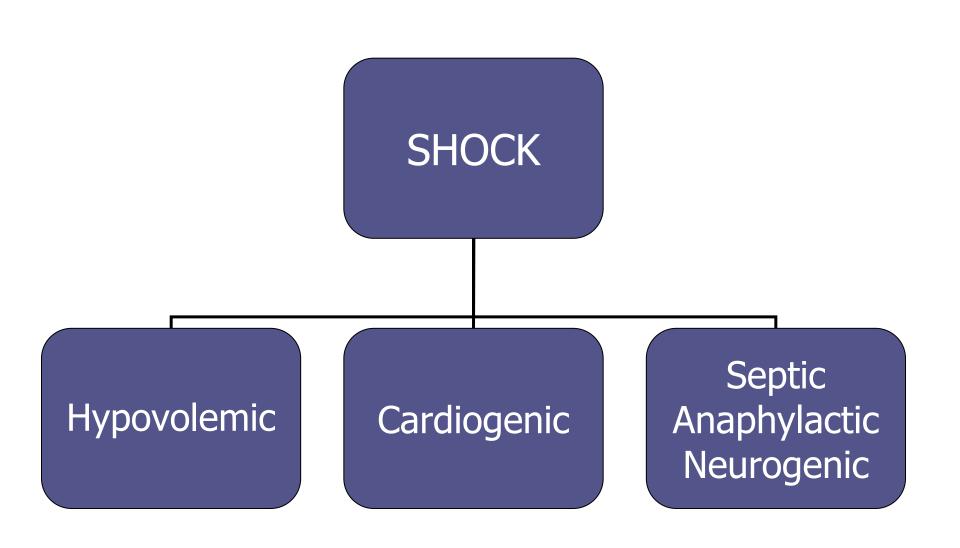
Moderate

Loss of 20-40 % of blood volume
 (1000 – 2000 ml)

Severe

Loss of more than 40 % of the circulation volume
 (> 2000 ml)





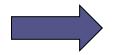
Cardiogenic shock

- Caused by primary failure of the heart adequate blood volume but the heart is unable to pump the blood
- > Severe heart disease
- ➤ Heart attack (IM)





- Pale, cold, clummy, sweating
- Breathing heavily
- Fast jerky /sharp pulse, BP may be low
- Nauseated, confused, yawning
- Concentrated or no urine



Loss of consciousness (coma)

Management of shock

- Silence no excitement: do not leave the victim
- Position: lay the victim down on a blanket
- Raise and support legs to improve the blood supply to the vital organs (autotransfusion position)
- Loosen tight clothing at the neck, chest to reduce constriction

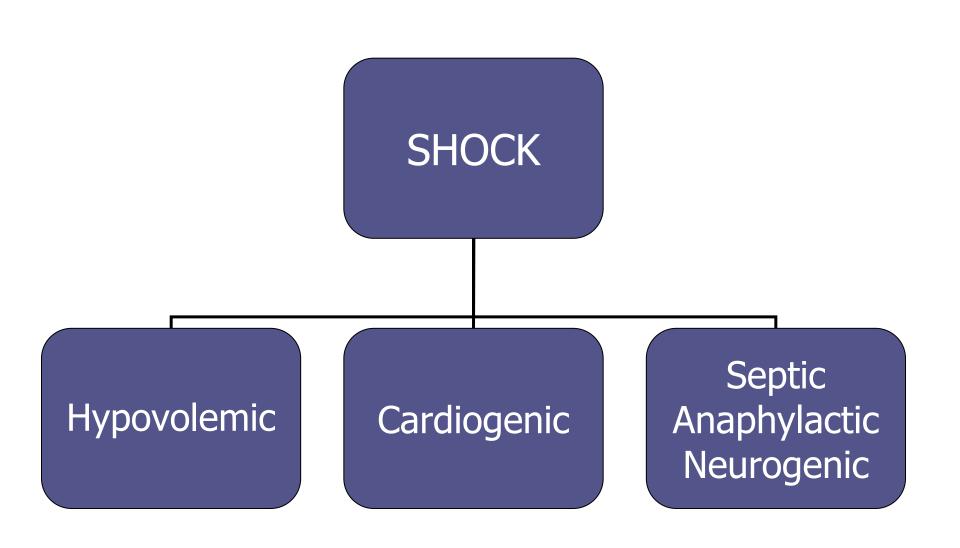
Management of shock

- Warmth use a blanket, not hot/watter bottle or other direct source of heat
- Do not let the victim eat, drink, smoke
- Fluids i.v. (moisten lips with a little water)
- Pain relief
- Transport
- Monitor vital functions

Treatment of hemorrhagic shock

- Controll of bleeding
- Fluid and blood replacement
- Vasopresors





• **Septic** – caused by bacterial toxins leading to vasodilatation

• Neurogenic - spinal cord injury

Anaphylactic shock

- Severe allergic reaction
- Contact with trigger factor
- Develop within seconds or minutes
- Triggers: skin or airborne contact with

particular material

the injection of drug

the sting of insect

food (shrimps, peanuts)

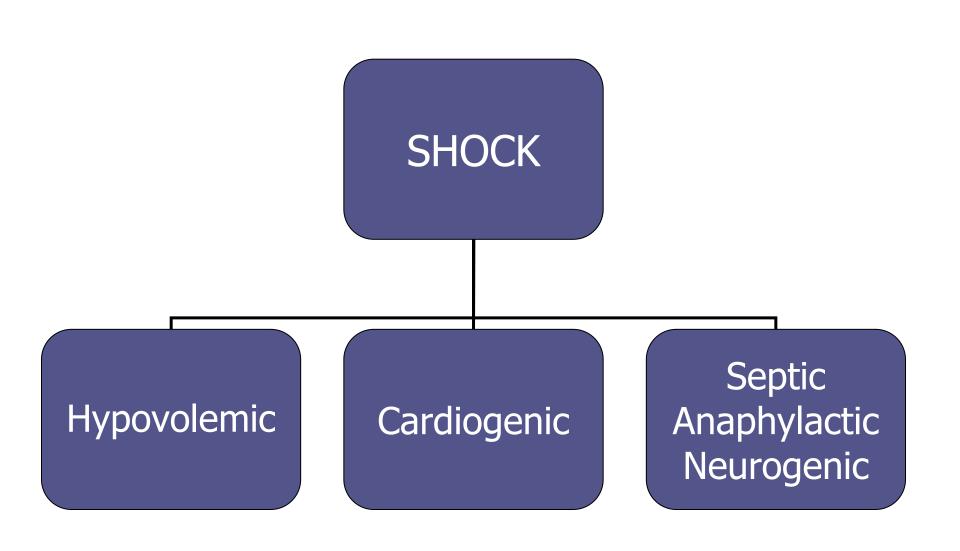


Anaphylactic shock

- Chemicals are released to blood
- Dilatation of blood vessels
- Constriction of air passages (bronchoconstriction)
- Swelling of tongue, throat

Treatment: adrenalin (auto-injector)





POISONING

Poisoning

- Unintentional: result from exposure to or ingestion of toxic substances, including drugs and alcohol, chemicals, contaminated food
- Intentional: in cases attempted suicide



Poisoning

- The effect depends on the type and amount of substance absorbed
- A poison (toxin) may cause temporary or permanent damage
- Poisons can be swallowed, absorbed through the skin, inhaled, splashed into the eyes or injected

Poisoning

- A poison, after entering to the body, may enter the bloodstream and be carried to all organs and tissues
- **Signs and symptoms**: vary with the poison (develop quickly or over a number of days)
 - : vomiting
 - : local signs
 - : systemic signs

Swallowed poisons

Drugs and alcohol, cleaning and gardening products, plant poisons, bacterial and viral (food) poisons

Effects: nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, seizure, irregular, fast or slow heartbeat, impaired consciousness



Inhaled

Industrial poisons, fumes from fires, chlorine

Effects: headache, confusion, difficulty breathing, cyanosis

Absorbed through the skin

Cleaning and gardening products, plant poisons

Effects: pain, swelling, rash, redness, itching

Splashed in the eyes

Effects: pain and watering of the eye, blurred vision, inability to open the injured eye

Injected through the skin

Venom from stings and bites, drugs **Effects:** pain, redness and swelling at injection site, nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, seizures, anaphylactic shock

Poisoning first aid

- Identify the poison
- Monitor victim
- Seek medical help
- Resuscitate if necessary
- Help victim into fresh air
- Remove contaminated clothing, wash area for at least 10 minutes (absorption through the skin)
- Irrigate the eye



Alcohol poisoning

• Depresses the activity of the central

nervous system

 Impairs all physical and mental functions

- Risks from alcohol poisoning:
 - inhaling and choking on vomit
 - loosing heat, hypothermia
 - underlying condition often misdiagnosed



Alcohol poisoning

• First aid:

- cover the person with a coat to protect from the cold
- asses the person for any injuries
- monitor and **record vital signs** (level of response, pulse, breathing)
- if unconsciouss recovery position

Drug poisoning

- Prescribed
- Over the counter
- Drug abuse



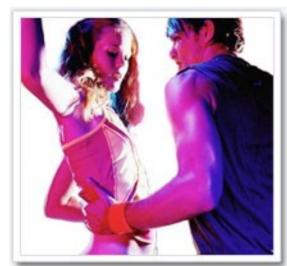
Drug poisoning – NS depressants

 Unconsciousness, shallow breathing, weak or abnormally slow or fast pulse



Drug poisoning- Stimulants and hallucinogens

- Stimulants and hallucinogens (amphetamines Ectasy, LSD, cocaine):
- Excitable, hyperactive behavior, wildness, sweating, tremor of the hands, hallucinations



Food and fungi poisoning





Food and fungi poisoning

- Common
- Symptoms may **develop rapidly** (within 2-6 hours): nausea, vomiting, abdominal pains, headache, fever mushrooms: vomiting, severe watery diarrhea, hallucinations, poisoning may be fatal
- Danger: dehydration liver failure

Poisoning - hospital management

- Support ABC
- Induce vomiting
- Orogastric lavage
- Activated charcoal
- I.v. fluid replacement
- Special antidotes

BITES AND STINGS

Insect sting





Insect sting

Sting from a bee, wasp or hornet **Recognition:** pain at the site of sting, swelling, redness Sting in the mouth or throat – swelling can obstruct the airway Serious reaction - anaphylactic shock

First aid:

raise the affected part apply an ice pack or cold compress

Bites







Bites

- Bites from certain species of scorpions and spiders, snakes (vipers, exotic snakes), sea creatures
- Bites in the mouth or throat are dangerous because swelling can obstruct the airway
- Be alert to an allergic reaction
- Can cause serious illness and may be fatal (spiders, snakes)

Bites - First aid

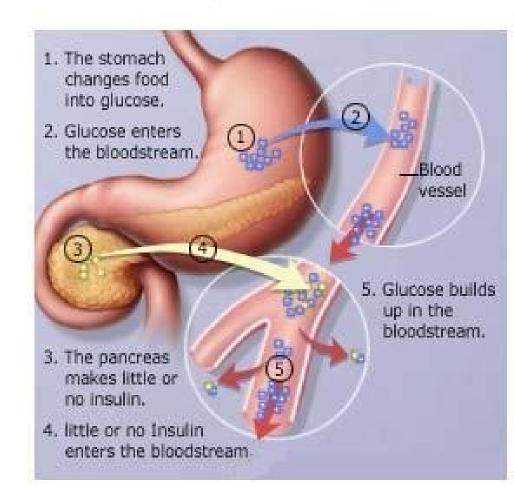
- Raise the affected part
- Apply an ice pack or cold compress
- Wash the wound, compression bandage above the wound
- Immobilize
- Note the snakes appearance



DIABETIC EMERGENCIES

Diabetic emergences

- Hypoglycemia low blood sugar
- Hyperglycemia –
 high blood sugar



Hypoglycemia

- Develops quickly over few hours
- Weakness, hunger/nausea
- Swaeting, cold, clummy
- Strange behaviour
- FA: sugary drink, sweet food

Hyperglycemia

- Develops slowly over days
- Weakness
- Warm, dry skin
- Drowsiness
- FA:transport ho hospital

If in doubt- give sugary drink – little harm in hyperglycemia

Questions?



