

Pearls

- Recommended Exam: Mental Status, Skin, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Back, Extremities, Neuro
- Hypotension can be defined as a systolic blood pressure of less than 90.
- Consider performing orthostatic vital signs on patients in nontrauma situations if suspected blood or fluid loss.
- Consider all possible causes of shock and treat per appropriate protocol.
- For non-cardiac, non-trauma hypotension, Dopamine should only be started after 2 liters of NS have been given.

Protocol 25

Any local EMS System changes to this document must follow the NC OEMS Protocol Change Policy and be approved by OEMS

2009