

Pearls

- Recommended Exam: Mental Status, Neck, Skin, Lungs, Heart, Abdomen, Extremities, Neuro
- Hyperventilation is a significant cause of hypotension and recurrence of cardiac arrest in the post resuscitation phase and must be avoided at all costs.
- Most patients immediately post resuscitation will require ventilatory assistance.
- The condition of post-resuscitation patients fluctuates rapidly and continuously, and they require close monitoring. Appropriate post-resuscitation management may best be planned in consultation with medical control.
- Common causes of post-resuscitation hypotension include hyperventilation, hypovolemia, pneumothorax, and medication reaction to ALS drugs.
- Titrate Dopamine to maintain MAP >90. Ensure adequate fluid resuscitation is ongoing.

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

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