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5N - INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP (IABP) MONITORING - ADULT

PARAMEDIC

Introduction:

Transfer of patients between hospitals is and will be an increasing demand due to an aging society and the increasing invasiveness of recommended therapies. Intra-aortic balloon pumps are used in mechanical circulatory support. The reduction in size and weight of the respective devices now allows an increasing number of interfacility transfers with continuing mechanical circulation support.

Indications for Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP):

IABP counter-pulsation support is a recommended option for patients with cardiac failure, mainly due to coronary artery disease or congestive heart failure. Early IABP support is used to accompany acute percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) or cardiac surgery. In addition, IABP support may function as a bridge prior to invasive procedures if these specialties are unavailable at the initial hospital of admission. If in such a situation inter-hospital transfer is mandatory, IABP support must be maintained in clinical settings that may include refractory unstable angina, impending or acute myocardial infarction, ventricular failure, acute valvular disease, and cardiogenic shock.





Objective of the Transport Team:

1. Provide skilled personnel and the equipment to deliver specialized care needed to stabilize, maintain, and transport critically ill patients with IABP support.

NOTE: Paramedic may provide, or assist in providing mechanical circulatory support during interfacility transport only if they have completed special additional training in the use of IABP including appropriate continuing education and are properly credentialed by the appropriate local medical oversight physician(s) to operate or assist with IABP.





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Before transport of the patient:

- Together with physician, nurse, or cardiovascular technical staff (as appropriate), ensure
 that intra-aortic balloon catheter is properly secured, check intra-aortic balloon insertion site
 for bleeding or drainage, confirm adequacy of distal pulses and perfusion, and record pretransport intra-aortic balloon pump settings.
 - NOTE: IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO USE A DOPPLER STETHOSCOPE TO CONFIRM PULSATILE FLOW IF CARDIOGENIC SHOCK IS SEVERE.
- 2. Measure and record augmented systolic, mean, and diastolic blood pressure in addition to standard vital signs.
- 3. If the transport is not accompanied by a physician or nurse, obtain written order for intraacrtic balloon pump settings to be used enroute.
 - NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE TYPE OF INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP BEING USED, OR DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP SETTINGS PRESCRIBED BY THE SENDING PHYSICIAN, DO NOT ATTEMPT TRANSPORT. CONTACT ON-LINE MEDICAL CONTROL FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
- 4. Ensure that the intra-aortic balloon pump being used is properly functioning, that an acceptable ECG trigger is present, and that all settings are correct.

During transport of the patient:

- 1. Continuously monitor augmented systolic, mean, and diastolic blood pressure in addition to standard vital signs.
- 2. In the event of mechanical failure, and the patient remains stable, attempt to identify and correct the problem.
- 3. In the event of a clinical emergency, and a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician surrogate IS present, assist with intra-aortic balloon pump management on request, and contact on-line medical control (or duly authorized agent) as soon as possible (without compromising patient safety).
- 4. In the event of a clinical emergency, and a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician surrogate is **NOT** present, proceed with cardiopulmonary resuscitation as indicated, and contact on-line medical control as soon as possible (without compromising patient safety).
 - **NOTE**: CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND DEFIBRILLATION MAY BE PERFORMED WHILE THE INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP IS FUNCTIONING.

After transport of the patient:

Record type and model of intra-aortic balloon pump used, settings employed in-transport, and augmented systolic, mean and diastolic blood pressures obtained post-transport, as well as any changes in patient condition, modifications in intra-aortic balloon pump settings, and unusual incidents occurring enroute.





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Troubleshooting the Maquet CS300™ IABP – (see protocol Special Note):

CHANGING THE HELIUM TANK



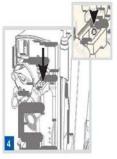
Fully close helium tank valve clockwise.



Slowly loosen yoke T-handle counterclockwise.



Remove helium tank.



Replace washer, if available.



Install fresh helium tank.



Fully tighten yoke T-handle clockwise.



Slowly open helium tank valve counterclockwise.



Verify full helium level via indicator on monitor display.

Note: Once the helium alarm sounds, there are 24 Autofills remaining in tank.

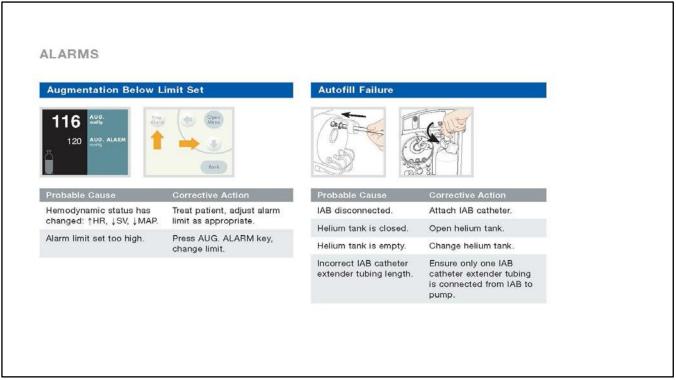


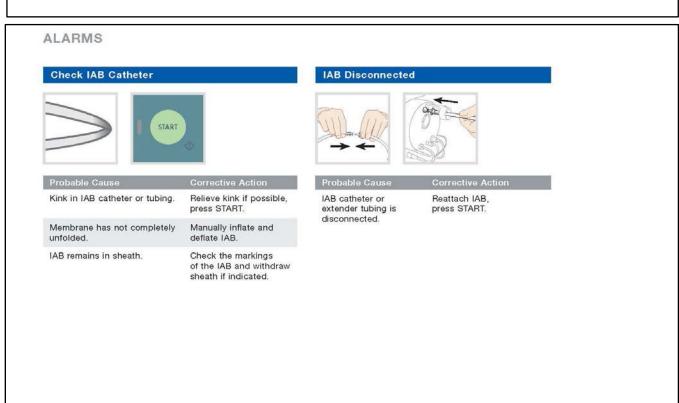


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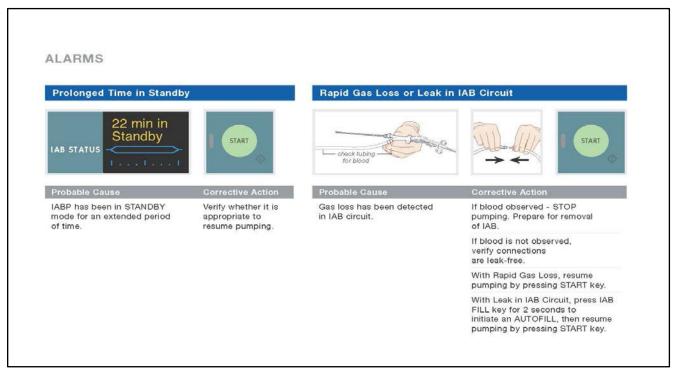




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ALARMS Unable to Calibrate IAB Optical Sensor IAB Optical Sensor Calibration Expired Probable Cause Probable Cause Patient's pulse pressure is When patient's pulse A calibration update has Assess patient to inadequate for calibration. pressure improves, press been intentionally postdetermine if a brief pause poned because either ZERO PRESSURE key in assist would be tolerfor 2 seconds while the IABP patient's mean arterial ated, and if so, press ZERO PRESSURE key for is assisting. pressure may be too low to pause assist or less 2 seconds while IABP is Provide alternate A.P. source than 15 minutes have (i.e.: radial). elapsed since last Provide alternate A.P. calibration source (i.e.: radial) Verify that IAB FILL mode Pump is either in Extender tubing or balloon Relieve restriction. STANDBY or the IAB FILL is set to AUTO. catheter may be restricted. Attempt calibration by mode is set to MANUAL. pressing ZERO PRESSURE Resume pumping, then key for 2 seconds while IABP press ZERO PRESSURE is assisting. key for 2 seconds to initiate a calibration. IAB FILL mode is set to If appropriate, set IAB FILL MANUAL. mode to AUTO via PUMP OPTIONS menu.





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