

c-1 SHOCK (NON-TRAUMATIC) WITHOUT RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

PRIORITIES:

- ABCs
- Identify signs of shock
- Determine if patient has shock with or without pulmonary edema
- Assure an advanced life support response

Shock without Respiratory Distress

Signs and symptoms of shock with dry lungs, flat neck veins. May have poor skin turgor, history of GI bleeding, vomiting, diarrhea.

1. Ensure a patent airway
2. Be prepared to support ventilation with appropriate airway adjuncts
3. OXYGEN THERAPY – Begin oxygen at 6 liters/minute by nasal cannula or 10 liters/minute by mask. If there is a history of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), observe for respiratory depression and support respirations as needed. **DO NOT** withhold oxygen from a patient in cardiorespiratory distress because of a history of COPD.
4. Shock position, if tolerated.
5. Keep patient warm, but don't overheat.
6. Assist advanced life support personnel with patient packaging and movement to ambulance.