

# Pediatric Septic Shock Algorithm

Pediatric Advanced Life Support

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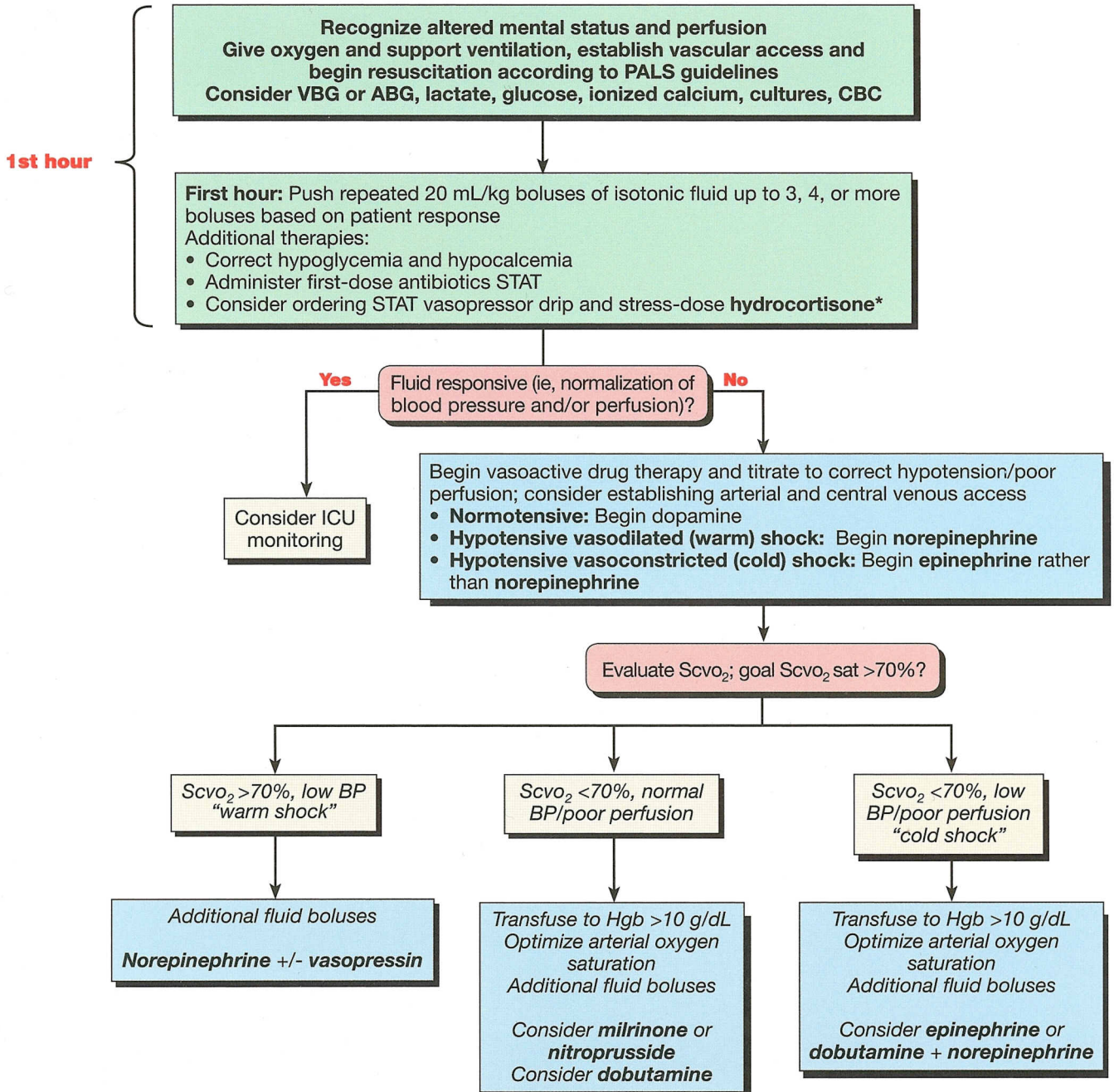


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**\*Note: Fluid refractory and dopamine- or norepinephrine-dependent shock defines patient at risk for adrenal insufficiency.**

Draw baseline cortisol; consider ACTH stimulation test if unsure of need for steroids

If adrenal insufficiency is suspected give **hydrocortisone** ≈2 mg/kg bolus IV; maximum 100 mg