

Salt Water & Red Stuff:

Trauma Resuscitation Best Practices

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What Is Shock?

A rude unhinging of the
machinery of life

(Samuel Gross, 1872)



What Is Shock?

A momentary pause in
the act of death

(John Collins Warren, 1895)

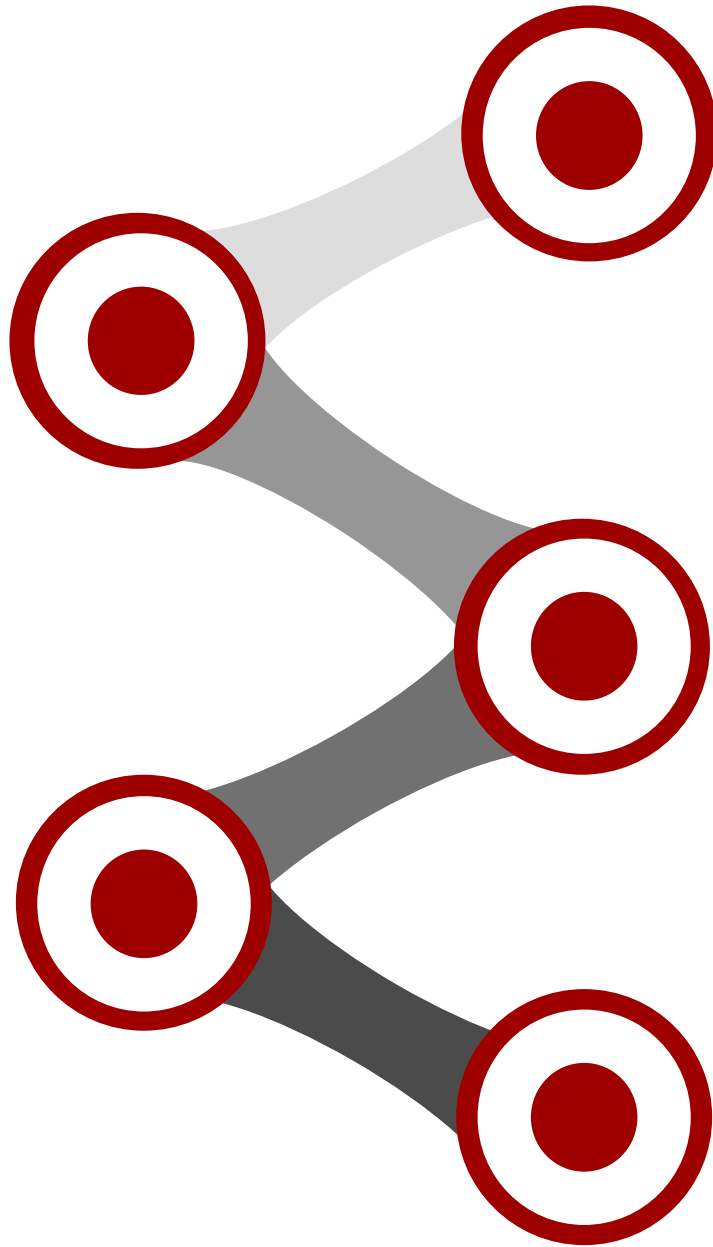


General Definition of Hemorrhagic Shock

A clinical state resulting from decreased blood and oxygen perfusion of vital organs secondary to a loss of circulating blood volume.

“Blood Failure”

Arterial Pressure



Blood Loss

**Baroreceptors
Chemoreceptors
Hypoxia Pathways**



**SVR
HR
CO
Vascular Volume**



**Epinephrine
Norepinephrine
Renin**



EAST Clinical Practice Guidelines

Standard hemodynamic parameters do not adequately quantify the degree of physiologic derangement in trauma patients.

The time to normalization of base deficit, lactate, and pH is predictive of survival.

Observation of at least one of these parameters should be used clinically for prognostication.

Lactic Acid

Biochemical marker of cellular hypoxia

Sensitive for Hemorrhagic Shock

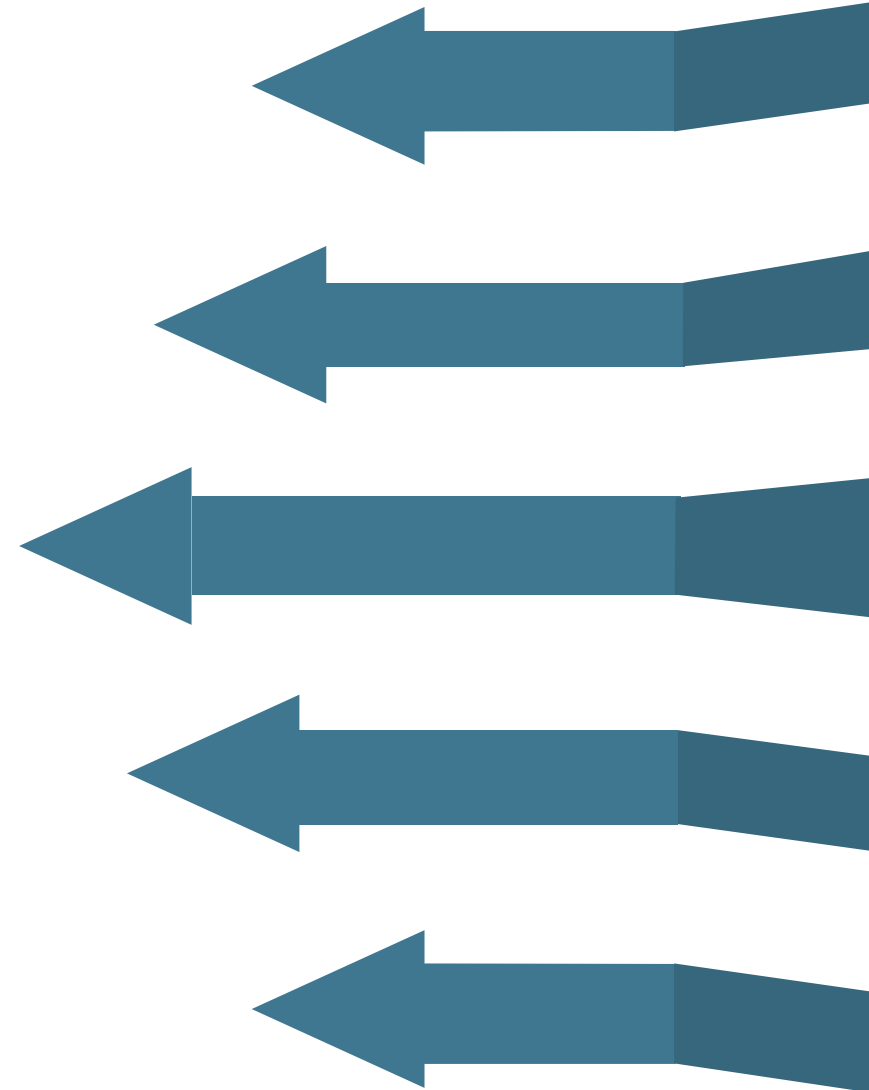
Removed from circulating volume via treatment and

restored perfusion
Not Specific for Hemorrhagic Shock

Initial lactate strongly correlates with mortality

Among patients with an initially elevated lactate (≥ 4.0 mg/dL), lower lactate clearance at 6 hours strongly and independently predicted an increased risk of death

(Odom et al, JTACS 2013)





Base Deficit

Amount of base needed to titrate 1L blood to a pH of 7.4

- Indicates an excess of acid

Sensitive for Hemorrhagic Shock

Normalizes rapidly with adequate resuscitation

Not Specific for Hemorrhagic Shock

Initial base deficit levels and time to normalization of these levels correlate well with need for transfusion and risk of MODS and death.

Persistently high or worsening base deficit levels may be an early indicator of complications

(Tisherman et al, 2004)

Putting the puzzle together

Lactic Acid

End Tidal CO₂

Physical Assessment

Vital Signs

Base Deficit

CONGRATULATIONS

You have diagnosed hemorrhagic shock

NOW WHAT ??



SALT WATER



**NO Oxygen
Carrying
Capacity**

**Contributory to an
Acidotic State**

Vasodilation

**Does NOT Remain
in the Intravascular
Space**

**Does NOT Restore
Hemostatic
Potential**

**Dilutional
Coagulopathy**



“The historic role of crystalloid and colloid solutions in trauma resuscitation represents the triumph of hope and wishful thinking over physiology and experience”



Controlled Resuscitation

VS

Standard Resuscitation

Schreiber et al, 2015
192 patients

(CR) 250ml aliquots of crystalloid for no radial pulse or SBP<70

(SR) 2L crystalloid +fluid needed to maintain SBP \geq 110

1L fluid Vs 2L fluid for CR vs SR

24-hour mortality in blunt trauma was 3%(CR) vs 18%(SR)

TANK FILLER

**NOT AN OXYGEN
GIVER**

TANK FULL

=

**INCREASED BLOOD
PRESSURE**

INCREASED BLOOD PRESSURE

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ADEQUATE

OXREGULATION



RED STUFF





**GIVE EM' WHAT
THEY'VE LOST**

**Massive Transfusion Protocols
Balanced Resuscitation
Whole Blood**

Whole Blood



Old School is Now New School

Whole blood was the preferred resuscitative fluid from WW1 through the Vietnam War

Whole Blood



1960-1970's

Shift from WB to crystalloid + component therapy (predominantly PRBC's) without supporting evidence

Whole Blood



1:1:1 Component Therapy

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One Unit Whole Blood

Whole Blood Vs Component Therapy

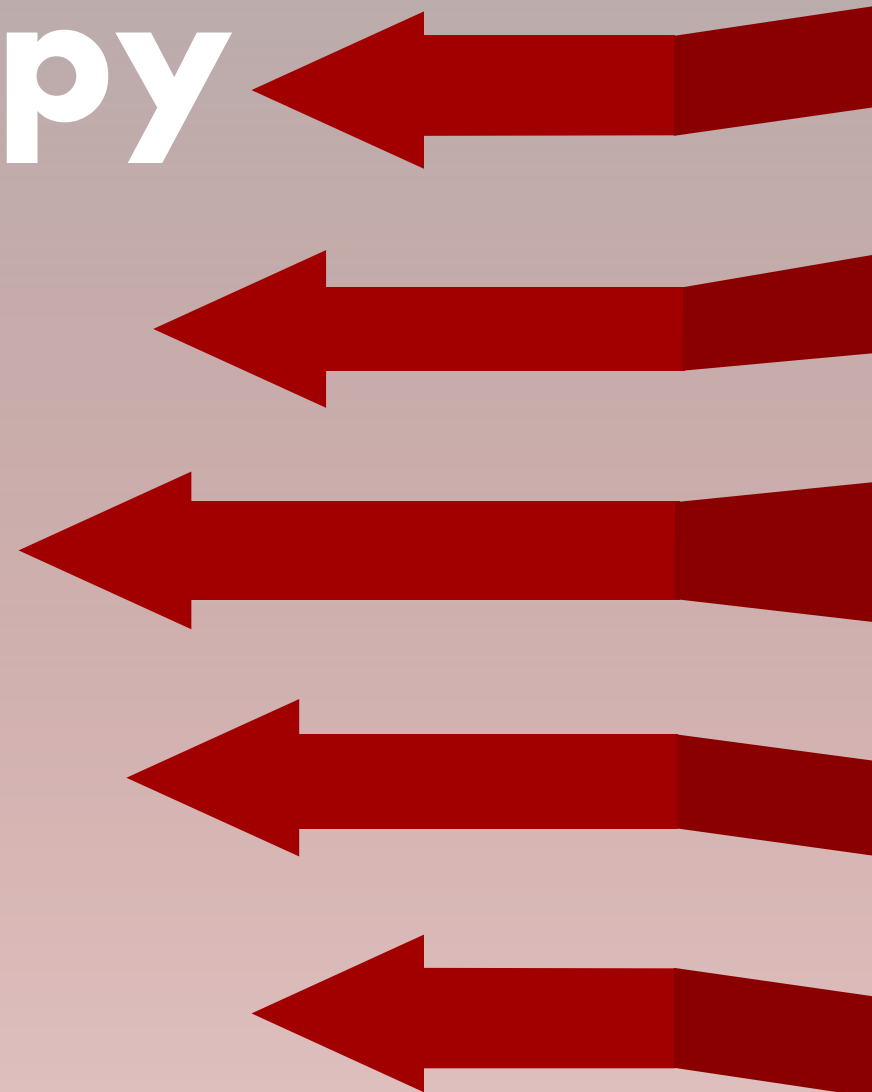
1:1:1 Component Therapy

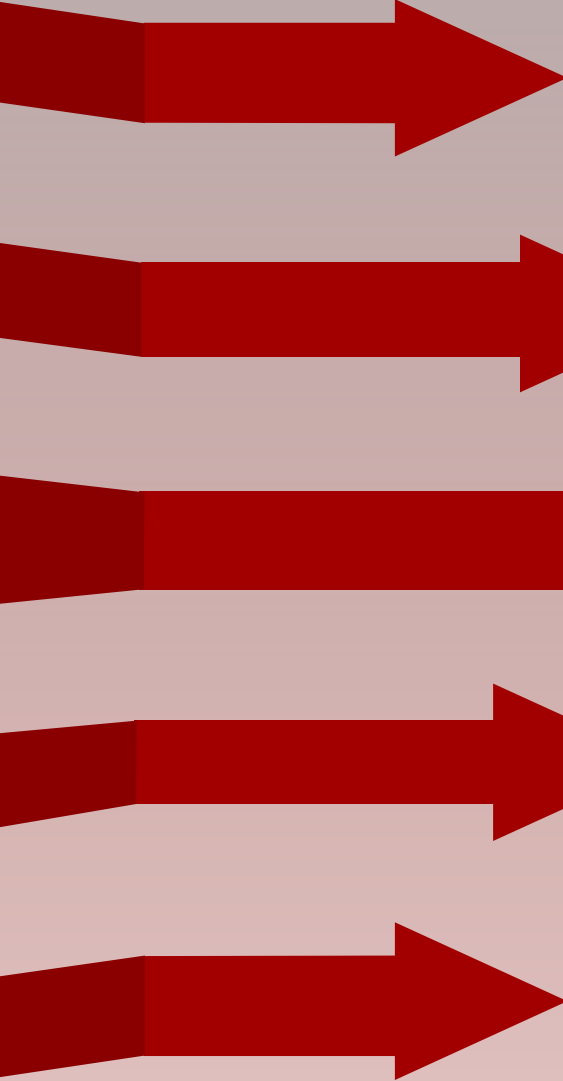
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HCT 29%

Platelets 88×10^9

Coagulation Factor Activity 65%





Whole Blood Vs Component Therapy

Whole Blood

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HCT 38-50%

Platelets $150-400 \times 10^9$

Coagulation Factor Activity 100%

ALL BLEEDING

STOPS...

EVENTUALLY

**ALL BLEEDING
STOPS...**

IF YOU LET IT

ALL BLEEDING STOPS...

Damage Control Resuscitation
Permissive Hypotension

Damage Control Resuscitation

**Prevent and Treat
Coagulopathy,
Acidosis, and
Hypothermia**

**Maintain
Circulating
Volume and
Stop Further
Bleeding**

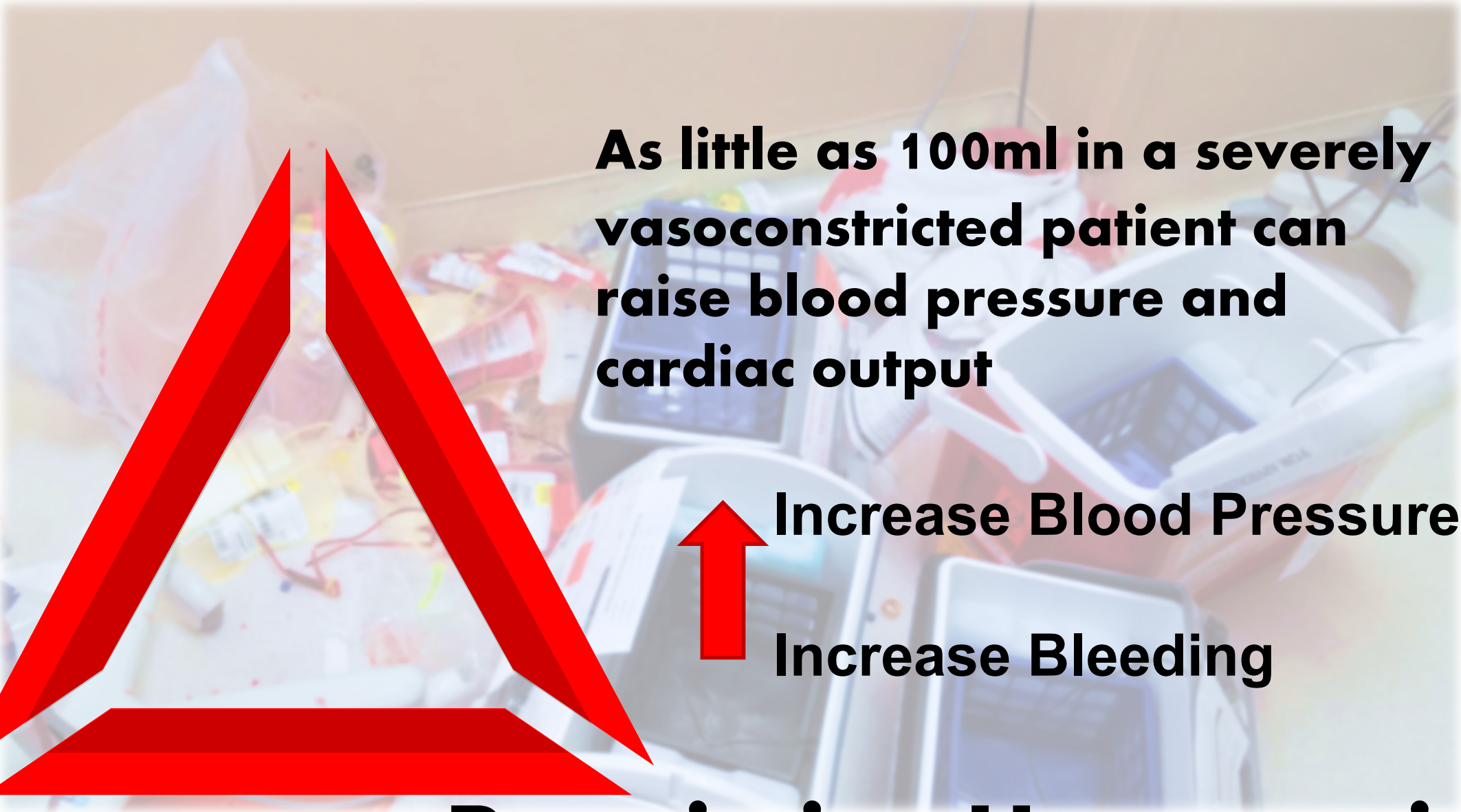
**Give Em' What
They Lost**

Stop The Flow

Keep Them Low

Permissive Hypotension





As little as 100ml in a severely vasoconstricted patient can raise blood pressure and cardiac output



Increase Blood Pressure



Increase Bleeding

Permissive Hypotension

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THE TRAUMA TRIAD OF DEATH

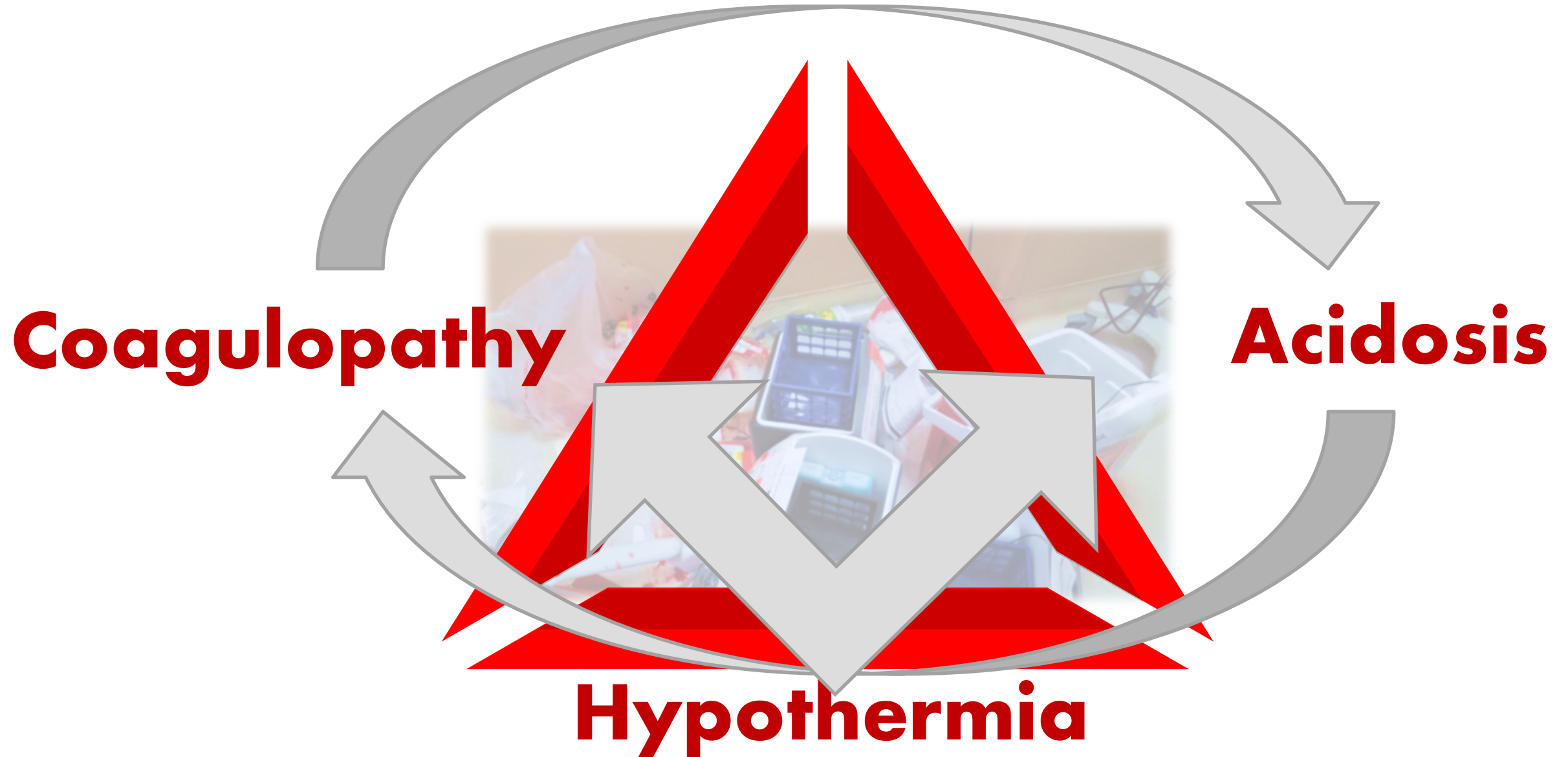
**Acute Traumatic
Consumptive
Coagulopathy
Dilutional**

**Hypoperfusion
Acidosis
Blood Loss
Inadequate O_2
Delivery**

**Exposure, Unwarmed Fluids, Blood Loss
Hypothermia**



THE TRAUMA TRIAD OF DEATH



THE TRAUMA TRIAD OF DEATH

TEG/ROTEM to Guide Ratios

FFP

Platelets

Cryoprecipitate

Treat Acidosis

TXA

Limit Salt Water

Keep em' Warm

Stop The Bleed

Give Blood

Correct Oxygen Debt

Limit Salt Water

Keep em' Warm

Warm EVERYTHING



Coagulopathy

Acidosis

Hypothermia

RECAP

Assess like your patient's life depends on it

If it does not clot or carry oxygen don't give it

Stop the flow, Keep em' low

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