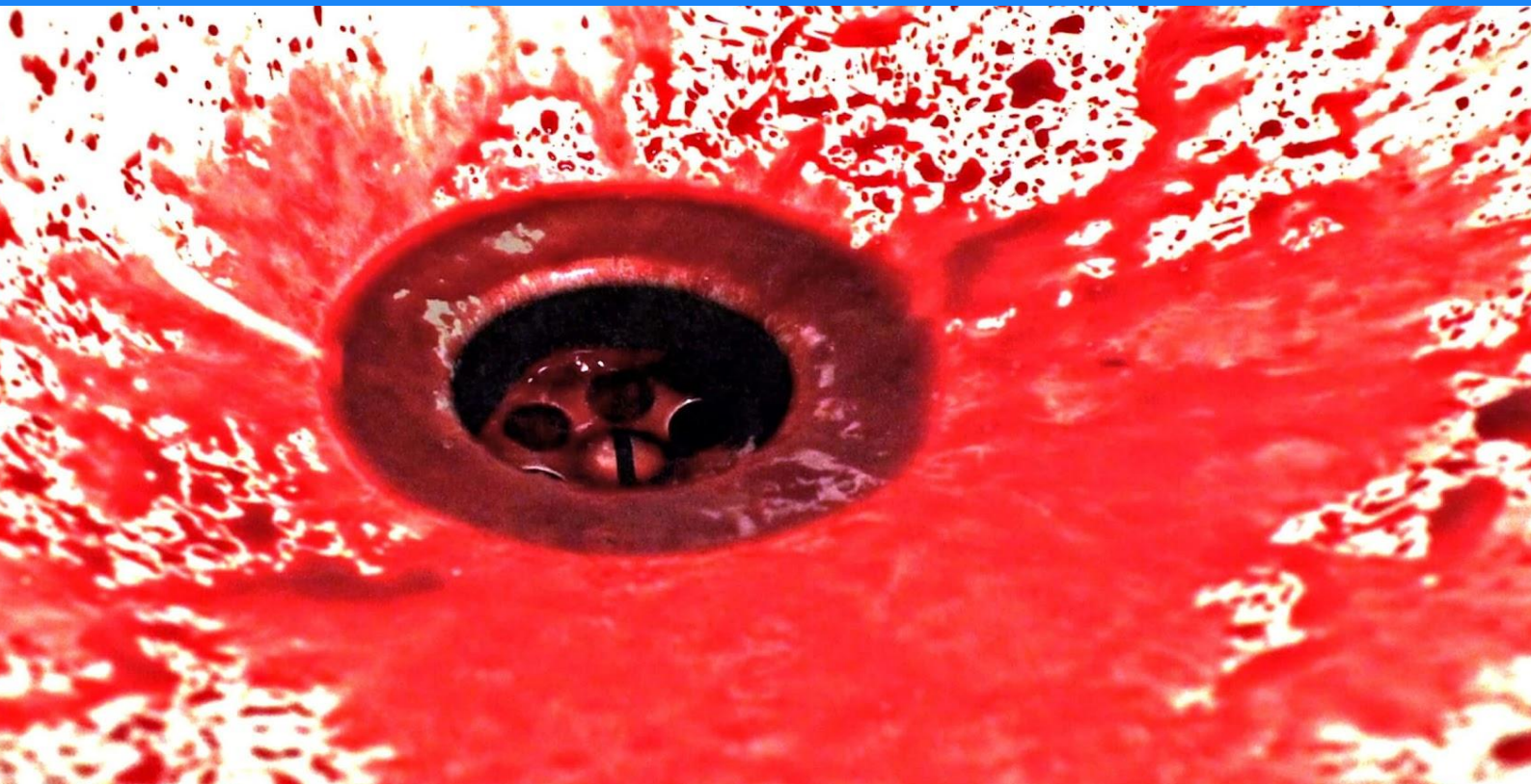


RESUS DRILLS



UPPER GI BLEED
ADULTS

#5

Pre-brief

Instructor to read out this section

“Welcome to this Resus Drill. Drills are for situations which are not common, and need a time-critical response. This is not a Simulation. Drills are a rehearsal for practising teamwork and speed.

We will run a scenario for 5 minutes, chat and reflect on it, then run the same scenario again for another 5 minutes.”



Assurances

Learning, NOT assessment: drills are for practice and for learning. We're concentrating on how fast you can think, and how well you work as a team.

Safe zone: lessons are shared here, not judged, not told as tales.

5-min reflection rules: please use the debrief to be positive about what you can all do better on the re-run. These are deliberately tough scenarios. That's the point of a drill.

Pretend it's real: Although it's not real, we need you to help us by acting as you'd do in real life, in your normal role, and we'll try to run it in real-time.

Take-away pack: there is some information that you can take away for further learning. We recommend “spaced repetition” for the best learning!

- make some reflective notes while it's fresh in your mind
- make yourself read them again in a couple of weeks

How does it work?

Each Resus Drill pack follows a standard format.

The drill packs are laminated and available for teaching purposes, and can be downloaded from www.em3.org.uk

Our downloaded drills can be edited to suit local hospitals.

S.E.T.U.P.

Instructor to read out before patient arrives

SELF... physical readiness (stay calm) & cognitive readiness (accept the challenge)

ENVIRONMENT... lighting, crowd control, appropriate equipment?

TEAM... initial briefing, identify Team Leader, allocate team roles

UPDATE... if possible, recap for the team (and yourself) before patient's arrival

PATIENT... the patient arrives

Location of Equipment

BloodTrack® devices

Located opposite the *Clean Utility* and next to the *Linen Store*.



Rapid fluid infuser

Located opposite the *Dirty Utility* and *Pathology Hot Lab*.



Major Upper GI Bleed Decision Algorithm

- ✓ Red-coloured haematemesis, large volume
- ✓ With or without melaena

Clinical appearance / obs show marked hypovolaemia,
plus ongoing profuse bleeding

Source unknown, varices possible

Activate Massive
Haemorrhage Protocol
Get VBG for Hb, lactate

Call ED consultant, ITU
Reg, and get Upper GI
Bleed SOP to correctly
call for gastro help
(*in- vs out-of-hours*)

- Focus on transfusion, Start O negative blood
- Activate Massive Haemorrhage Protocol (ext. 2222)
- Lab / speciality liaison person tasked to man the phone
- Variceal Rx bundle (Terlipressin, antibiotics)
- Platelets, FFP as soon as they arrive
- Large vascular access (e.g. RIC)
- Rapid transfuser

Emergency Department: Pre-Hospital Pre-Alert Report Form

CALL SIGN OF THE VEHICLE / TEAM

1234

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|--|---|--|-------------------|---|----------|-----|
| A ge (and sex) | AGE | 52 | SEX | M | Derek | |
| T ime (of incident / onset of symptoms) | | ? | | | | |
| M echanism of Incident (injury / illness) | Found on bathroom floor by daughter semi-conscious | | | | | |
| I njuries / Symptoms (suspected or present) | Haematemesis on carpet | | | | | |
| S igns (Observations, Clinical Stability) | HR | 132 | GCS | 11 | | |
| | RR | 28 | BM | 3.8 | | |
| | BP | 72/48 | TEMP | 36.1°C | | |
| | SPO ₂ | 95% air | PEAK FLOW | - | | |
| | NEWS score total | EMAS TRAUMA TRIAGE TOOL POSITIVE? | | | YES / NO | |
| R ed Flag Sepsis | CLINICAL CONDITION | | STABLE / UNSTABLE | | | |
| T reatment (Given so far – In brief!) | 1 x grey cannula O ₂ 1L saline | | | | | |
| E TA (Time of arrival in ED) | 3 mins | | | | | |
| R equirements (Circle – specify where required) | TRAUMA | | | MEDICAL | | |
| | MASSIVE BLOOD LOSS PROTOCOL TRAUMA TEAM ACTIVATION | | | STROKE THROMBOLYSIS CARDIAC SPECIALIST NURSE SEPSIS PATHWAY | | |
| Call taken by; | L. Blood | Date; | | Time; | : | HRS |
| Information passed to; | Dr Reg | Date; | | Time; | : | HRS |

Patient Addressograph Label
(MUST BE ADDED ONCE PATIENT REGISTERED)

TURN FORM OVER AND COMPLETE CHECKLIST ON REAR

PLEASE ATTACH TO PATIENT NOTES – INSIDE FRONT SHEET

ADHESIVE STRIP - HERE

Scenario Script

Instructor to read out this section

“The red phone has just rung with a 3-minute warning of a 52-year old male found on the bathroom floor by his daughter vomiting copious red blood. Here is the red call sheet...” (give Page 4 to Team Leader)

Minute One

Gloves, aprons, suction, Upper GI Bleed SOP.

Team Leader (T.L.) designates team members and uses **S.E.T.U.P.** (Self, Environment, Team, Update, Patient arrives).



Minutes Two & Three

Patient arrives, obs unchanged (ambulance handover) and patient is semi-conscious, actively vomiting red blood, pale, mottled lips and peripheries.

T.L. to ask for two large IVs, rapid infuser, MHP activation, ED consultant, ITU Reg (*use phone in cubicle*). Someone watching airway/suctioning, supporting patient.

Minute Four

Nursing staff setting up rapid infuser rapidly. Aim for systolic blood pressure of 85-100 mmHg. **Team Leader** to verbalise ideal target BP. **“Your VBG result is available”** (*show Page 5*). Repeat obs show no change, if requested.

Ongoing haematemesis. **T.L.** to ensure ITU support, ED consultant alerted that gastro team is contacted and MHP products are definitely en route. **If TXA suggested, remind learners of the HALT-IT trial** (<https://bit.ly/3or7Ums>). No evidence of benefit for the average patient, so do not use up nurse time getting it.

Minute Five

Start variceal bundle. Reassess patient. **Team Leader** should update team and prepare to transfer to definitive care.






Debrief and Feedback

You should aim to cover the following points within 5 minutes, then re-run the scenario:

1. Did the **Team Leader (T.L.)** allocate roles and tasks in a way that was clearly understood? Was **S.E.T.U.P** utilised?
2. Did team members do as allocated?
 - a. On arrival of patient did **T.L.** ensure a good pre-hospital handover?
 - b. Did **T.L.** show calm and clear speech? Body language?
 - c. Did **T.L.** maintain good team control and communication?
 - d. Closed loop communication when tasking?
3. Was the IV access and rapid infuser prioritised?
4. Did **T.L.** accurately interpret gravity of situation and convey that?
5. Did these things happen? ED consultant, ITU, gastro, massive haemorrhage protocol all called correctly?
6. How did team members help the team pull together?
7. Were there any instances of:
 - a. Equipment issues?
 - b. Human factors negatively impacting communication or patient care?



Additional Resources

-  Initial Management of Acute Upper GI Bleed (AUGIB) guideline (UHL) <https://bit.ly/2SG7Bb6>
-  Massive Haemorrhage guideline (UHL) <https://bit.ly/2GNSzZY>
-  Simulation: GI Bleed & Massive Haemorrhage protocol (ORBCoN) <https://bit.ly/3zB9FFM>
-  Upper Gastrointestinal Haemorrhage (RCEM Learning) <https://bit.ly/39xwbVo>
-  Acute upper gastrointestinal bleeding in over 16s: Management (NICE) <https://bit.ly/3OiY3eF>

