5.05 UNCONTROLLED HEMORRHAGE BEFORE OR DURING LABOR

BLS – FAQ Link

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ALS

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Reassess blood loss every 3-5 min.

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Improvement of perfusion?

- Yes → Provide routine care as indicated.
- No → Second IV with **Normal Saline** bolus if no improvement.

  Begin pressure infusions with both IVs. May give additional boluses PRN as long as hemorrhage persists, but do not delay transport.

Report any incident of suspected domestic violence to emergency department staff

Comments

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