

# Management of tMCS in the ICU

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# Disclosures

None relevant to this presentation

# Objectives

Overview of  
tMCS Devices

Assessing  
adequacy of  
support

Destination  
Planning

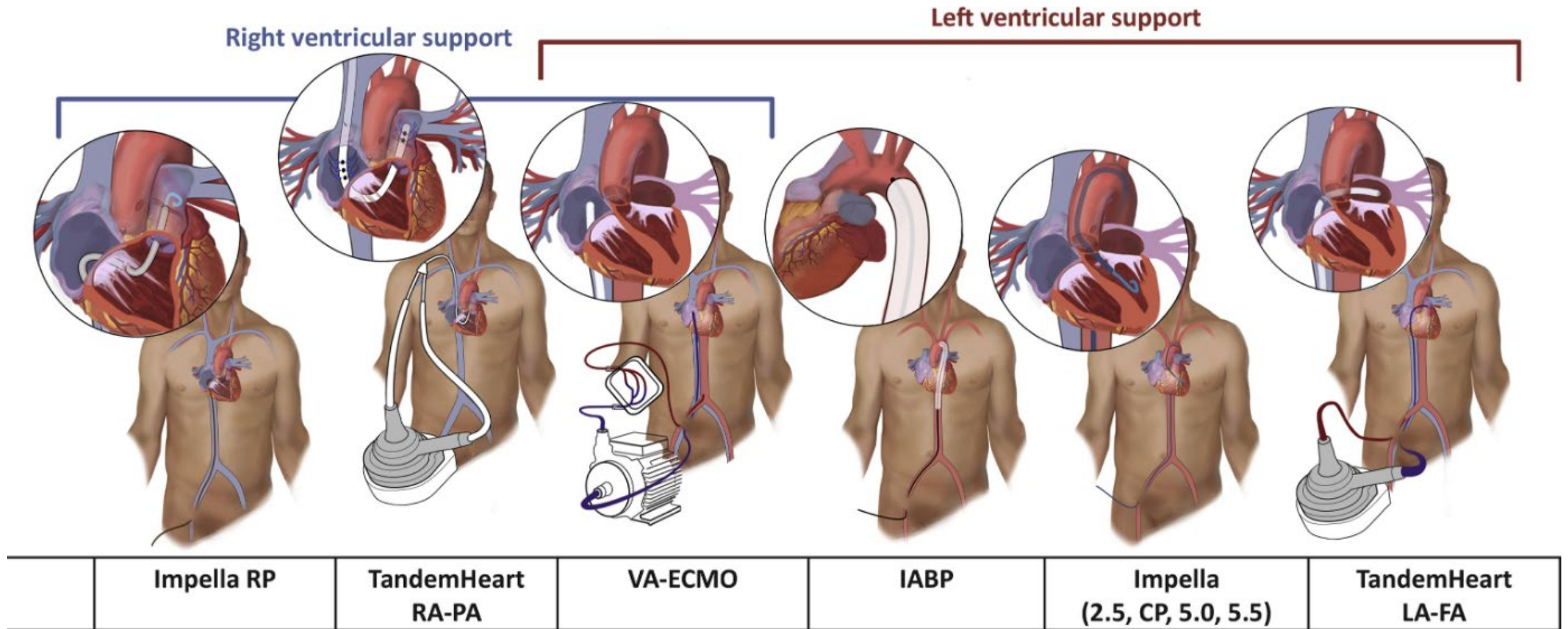
Common  
Complications

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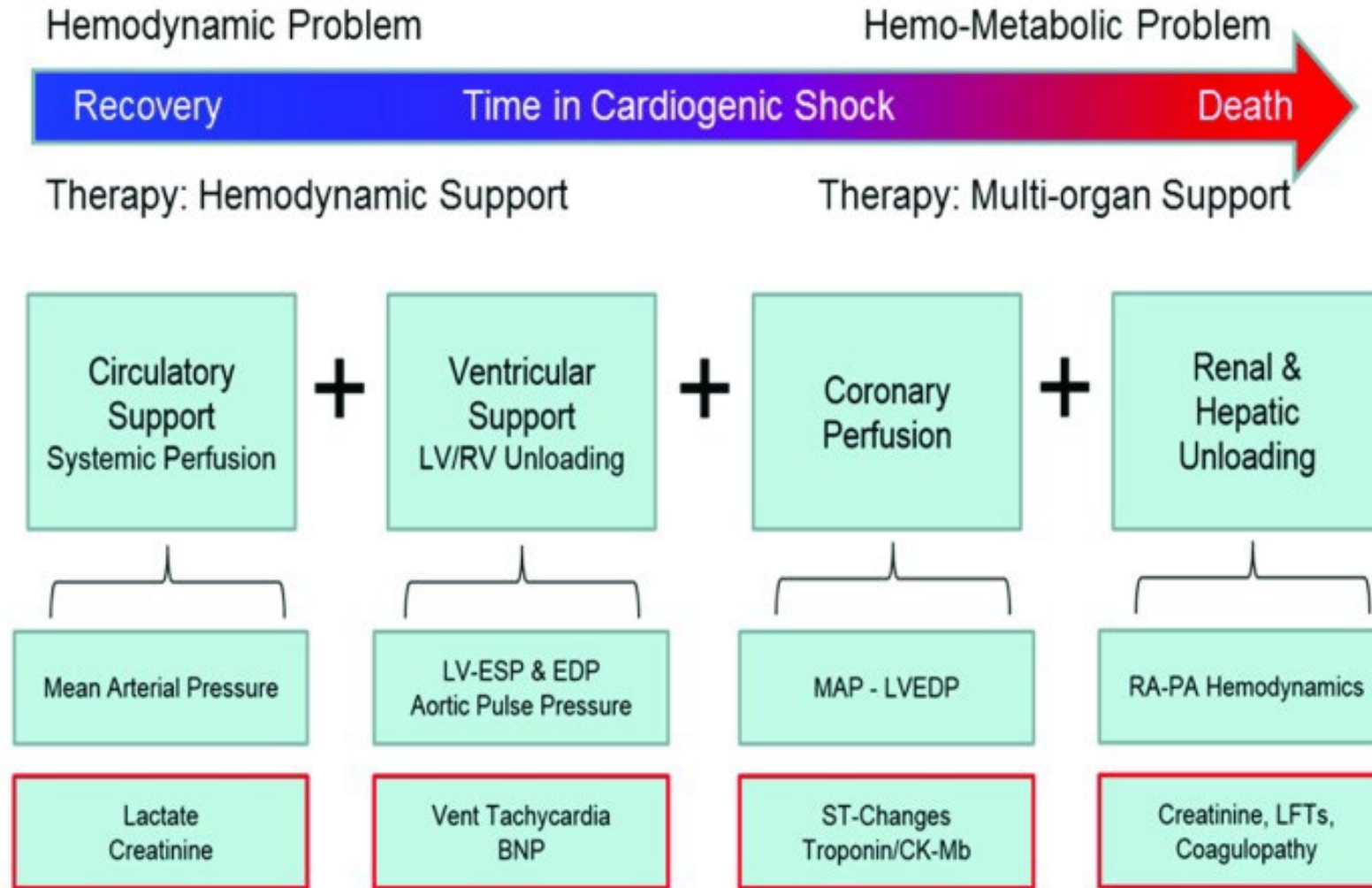
Specific Escalation/De-escalation  
Algorithms

# Choosing a Device

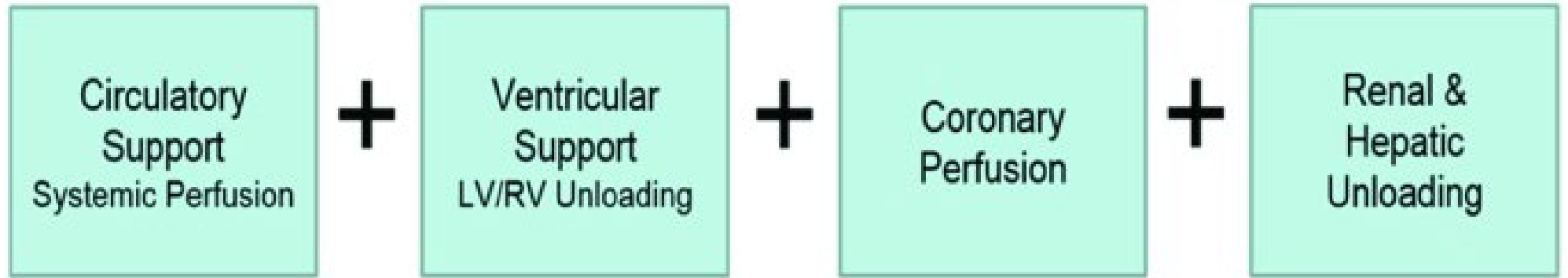
# Spectrum of MCS Devices



# Hemodynamic Support Equation



# Choosing the Right Therap(ies)

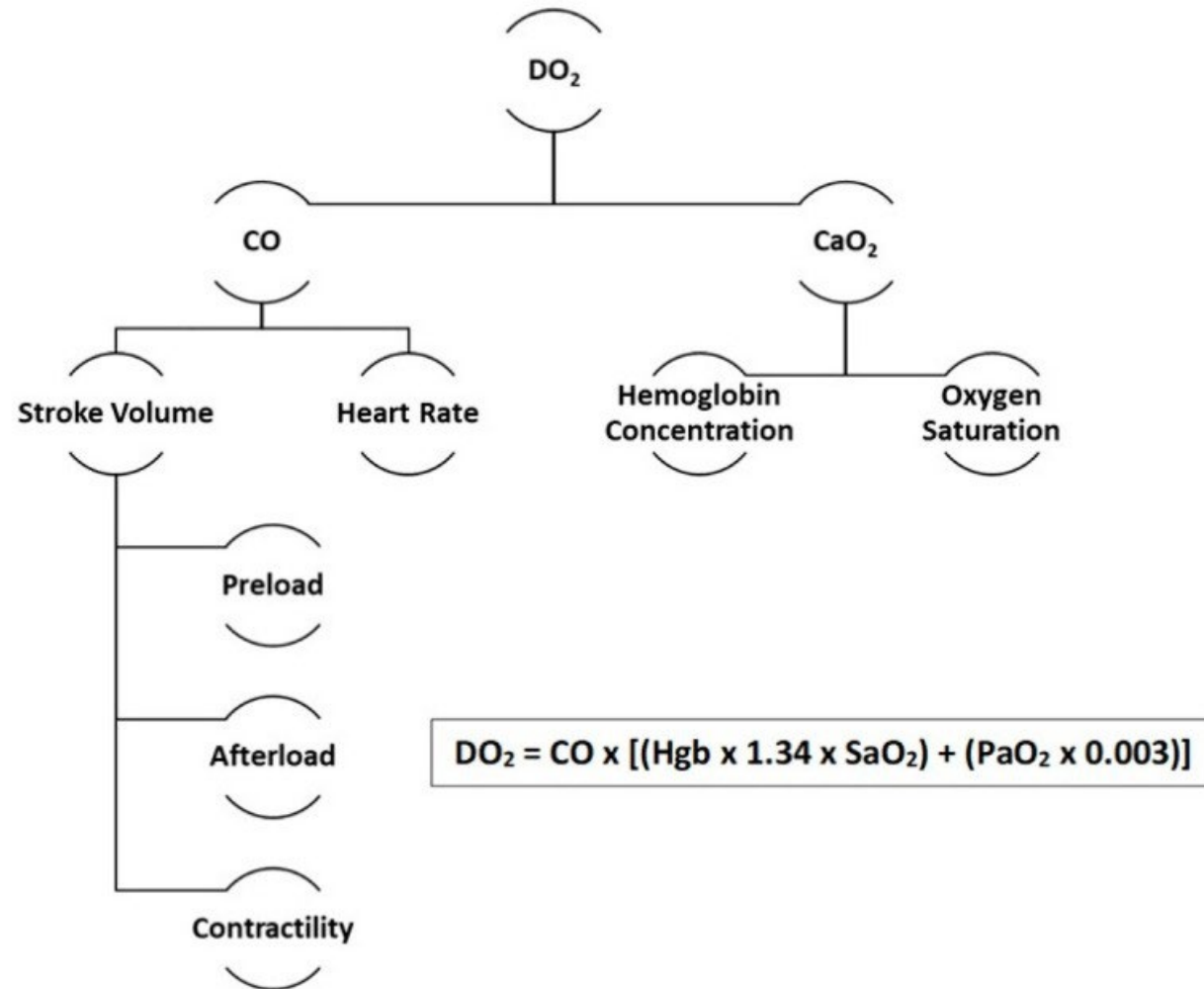


<b>IABP</b>	+	+ (LV)	+	Neutral
<b>Tandem Heart</b>	++	+/- (LV)	++	Neutral
<b>Impella CP/5.5</b>	++	+ to +++ (LV)	++	Neutral
<b>pVA ECMO</b>	++	-- (LV) / ++(RV)	++	+

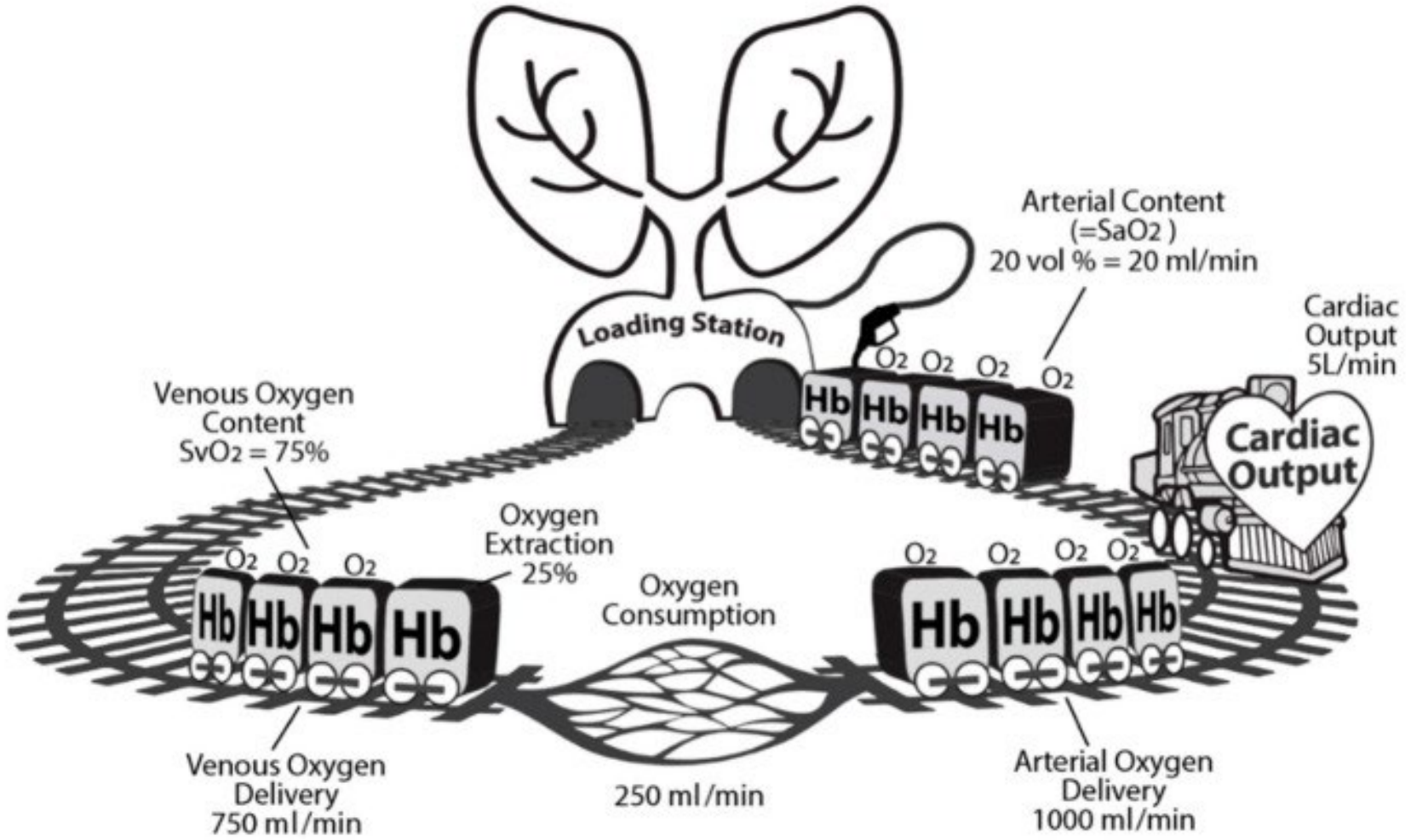
# **Assessing Adequacy of Support**



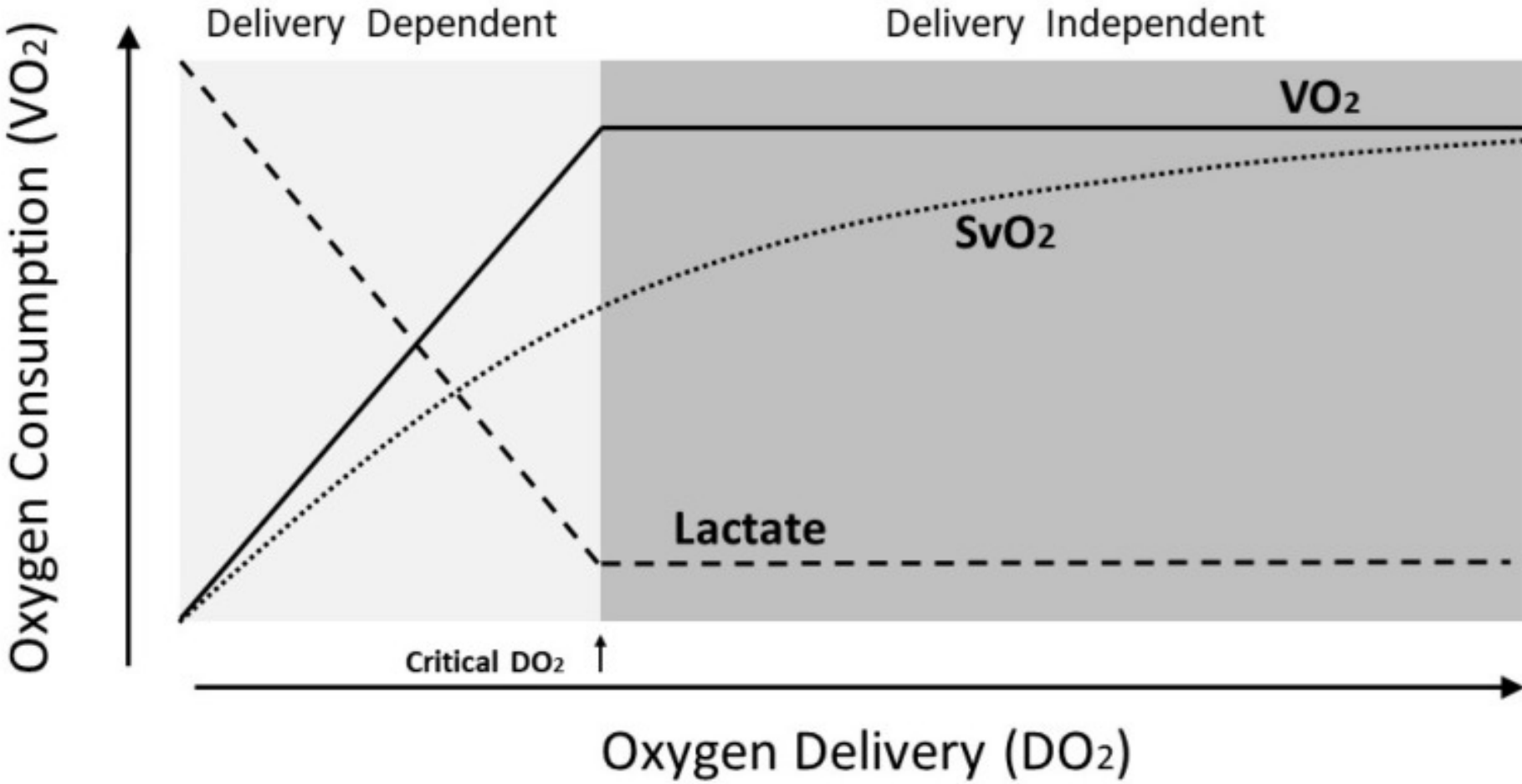
# Determinants of Oxygen Delivery



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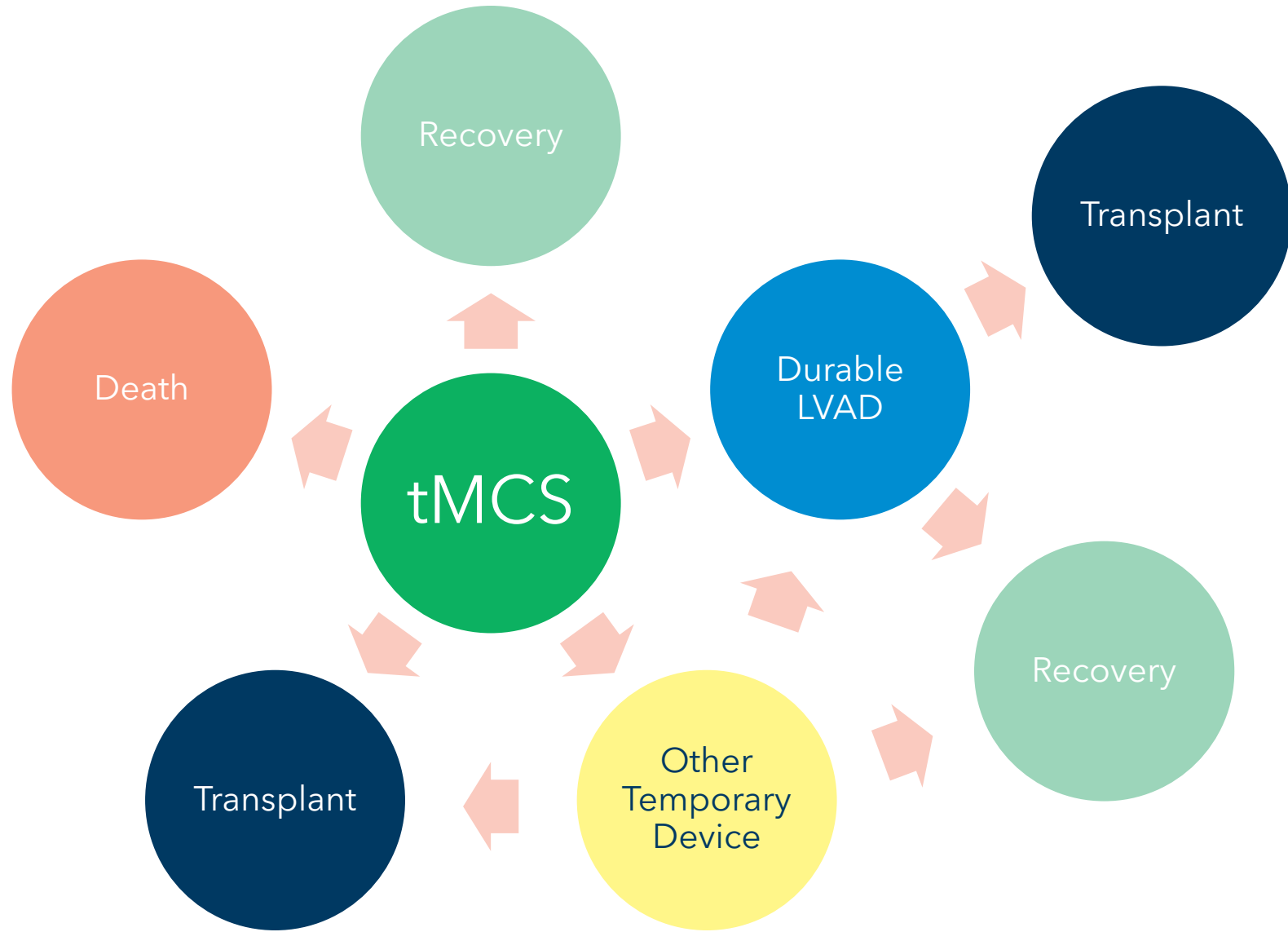
# Optimizing Supply & Demand

- Addressing Low Supply:
  - Use device to achieve Flow Index > 2-2.2, MAP >65-70
    - Minimize vasopressors as able
  - Remember hemoglobin and oxygen saturation
    - Optimal Hgb goal > 8 ?
- Addressing High Demand:
  - Control anxiety/agitation → appropriate use of medication
  - Treat fever
  - Control work of breathing → utility of noninvasive/invasive ventilation

# Assessing Supply & Demand

- Check SVO2 and Lactate q 4-6h
  - Both reflect balance of supply and demand
  - Goal SVO2 > 50-65%
  - Goal Lactate < 2
    - Lactate clearance by 24h important mortality predictor
- Other Monitoring
  - LFT's
  - Creatinine, Urine Output
  - Skin Temperature / Mottling

# Destination Planning



# Promoting Recovery

- Revascularization strategy (if applicable)
- Unloading
  - Echocardiography for evidence of "smoke"/thrombus/distention
  - Maintain pulsatility (>10 mmHg) or utilize pVAD
- Decongestion
  - Goal CVP < 12
  - Goal PAD < 22, PCWP < 15
  - Diuresis or Ultrafiltration





# Assessing Recovery

- Utilize tMCS until:
  - Hemodynamics have stabilized (minimal ongoing vasoactive infusion requirements)
  - End organ dysfunction is improving
  - Volume status is optimized(or)
  - A serious complication arises requiring earlier assessment
- Have an escalation / de-escalation algorithm

# Planning Other Exits

- Start multidisciplinary LVAD/transplant evaluation early
  - Importance of **Shock Team** and Level 1 Shock Centers
- Consider Comorbidities and Social Factors
- Daily reassessment of progress



# Prepare for the Worst

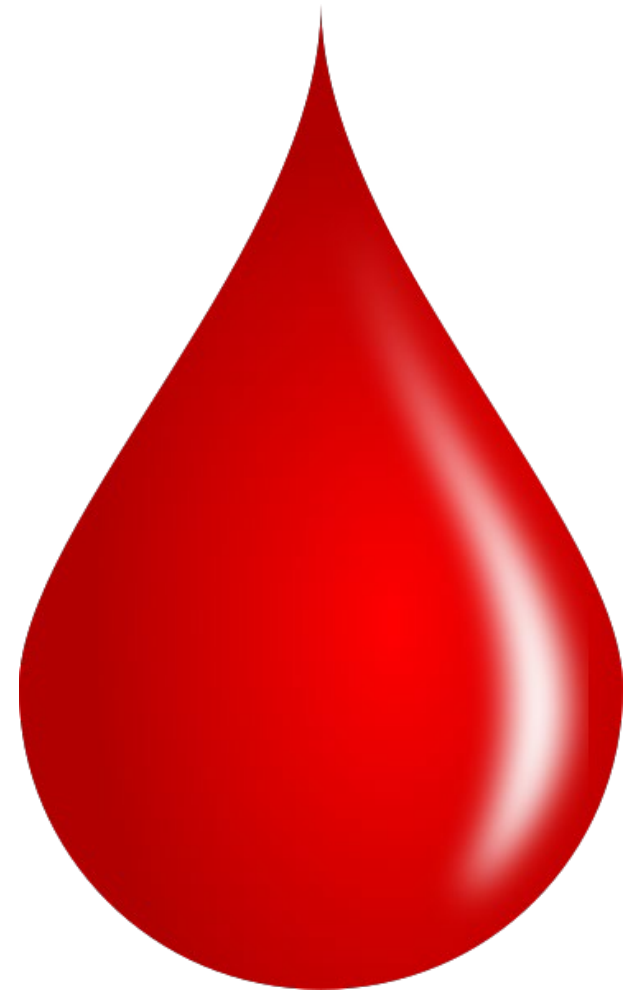
- Involve palliative care from the start
  - Facilitates rapport and discussing the severity of illness and potential outcomes
  - Shared decision-making
- Consider a transition to comfort measures when...
  - Ongoing aggressive support strategy not compatible with goals of care
  - Lack of expected recovery and no option for durable device or transplant
  - Nonrecoverable complications / futility



# Common Complications

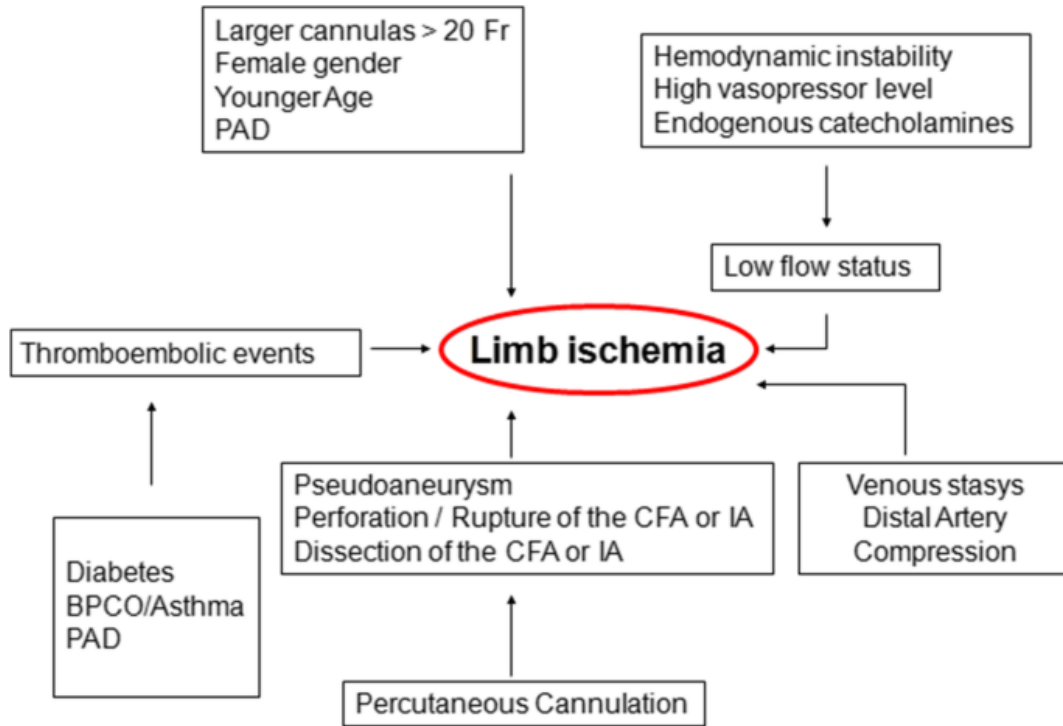
# Bleeding & Thrombosis

- Multiple Etiologies of Bleeding
  - Cannulation Site Bleeding
  - Cannulation Complications
  - Coagulopathy (Therapeutic, Consumptive, Acquired von Willebrand's, HIT)
  - GI Bleeding
- Multiple Thrombotic Complications
  - Stroke
  - Limb Ischemia
  - Device Failure
- Requires careful use of Anticoagulation/Antiplatelet Agents



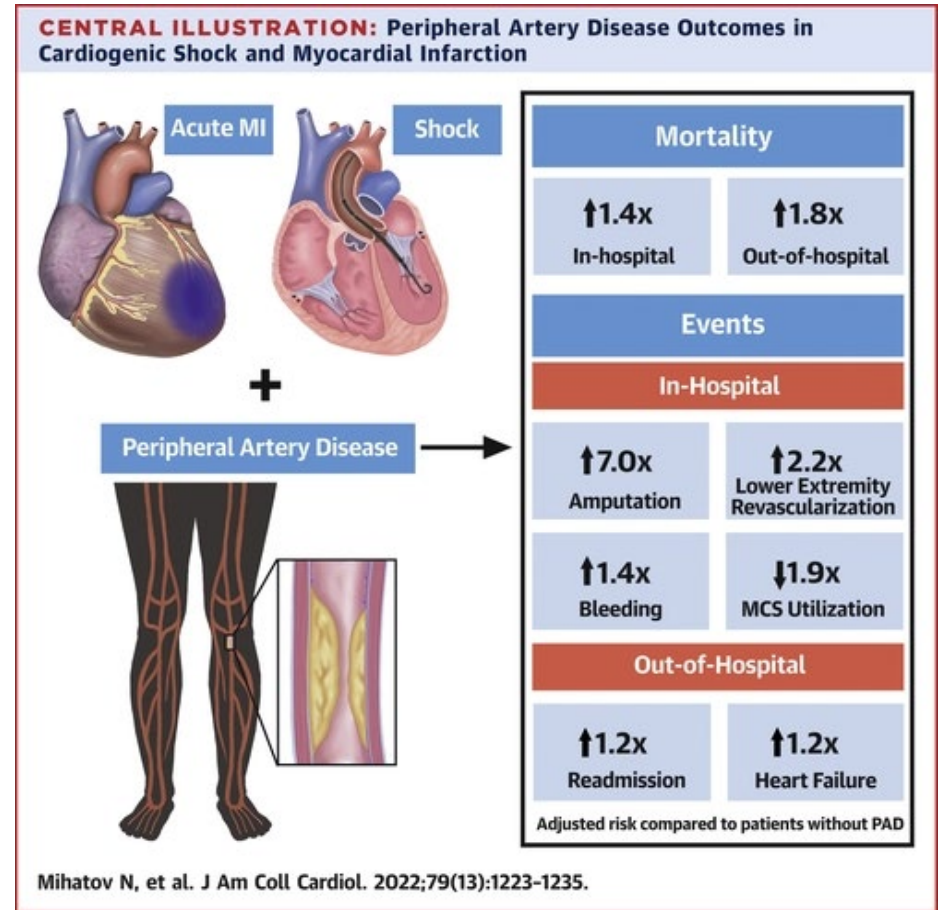


# Limb Ischemia



PAD :peripheral vascular disease, CFA: common femoral artery, IA: iliac artery

Bonicolini et al. 2019 *Critical Care*



➤ Consider proactive antegrade perfusion practices, especially in PAD

➤ Modify support strategy early when ischemia occurs

# ICU-related Complications

- Deconditioning
  - Ventilator-associated pneumonia
  - Delirium
  - Pressure ulcers
  - Malnutrition
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- Importance of Early Extubation & Early Mobility
  - “Pre-habilitation”



# Takeaways

- Tailor therapy based on “hemodynamic support equation”
- Monitor adequacy of support with multiple modalities
  - Labs, hemodynamics, physical exam
- Keep the destination in mind
- Proactively identify and manage complications



# Thank You

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