

**HEMORRHAGE (NON-TRAUMATIC)  
PROTOCOL**

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**Purpose:** To provide a process for the assessment and management of the patient hemorrhaging from non-traumatic causes.

**M B S P I. Assessment Information**

**A. History:**

**1. Past Medical History:**

**a. Gastro-Intestinal Symptoms:**

1) Ulcers, cancer, Crohn's disease, diverticulitis, history of GI bleed, known bleeding disorder

**b. Gynecological Complaints:**

1) Pregnancy history, previous pregnancy problems, known gynecological problem, abdominal trauma

**2. Current History:**

**a. Gastro-Intestinal Symptoms:** abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, coffee ground emesis, black tarry stools, syncope, light-headedness, orthostatic symptoms

**b. Gynecological Complaints:**

1) History of current pregnancy, last menses or gestational age (weeks); or estimated date of confinement (delivery date); date partum, fetal movement

2) Bleeding: duration, amount, bleeding disorders

3) Abdominal trauma or alleged sexual assault, see (Alleged) Sexual Assault Policy.

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**B. Specific Objective Findings:**

**1. Vital signs:**

a. Tachycardia

b. Hypotension

c. Skin temp, moisture, color

d. Level of consciousness

**2. Abdominal tenderness**

**3. Character of stool/vomit**

**4. Vaginal bleeding present, character**

**II. Management**

**A. Utilize universal precautions.**

**B. Establish and maintain airway, provide oxygen and support ventilation as needed.**

**C. Transport**

**D. For patient with evidence of GI Bleeding;**

**1. With vital signs stable:**

**a. Obtain vascular access.**

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2. If vital signs are unstable, refer to Non-Cardiogenic Shock Protocol.

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E. If vaginal bleeding and pregnant, place in left lateral recumbent position

1. Obtain vascular access.

F. If vaginal bleeding and signs of shock, refer to Non-Cardiogenic Shock Protocol.

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G. If vaginal bleeding and no signs of shock (not pregnant)

1. Consider vascular access.

**CONTACT MEDICAL CONTROL**

H.

**Possible orders post radio contact:**

1. Additional IV fluids

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**III. Special Considerations**

A. Products of conception passed by patient with vaginal bleeding should be brought to Emergency Department

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