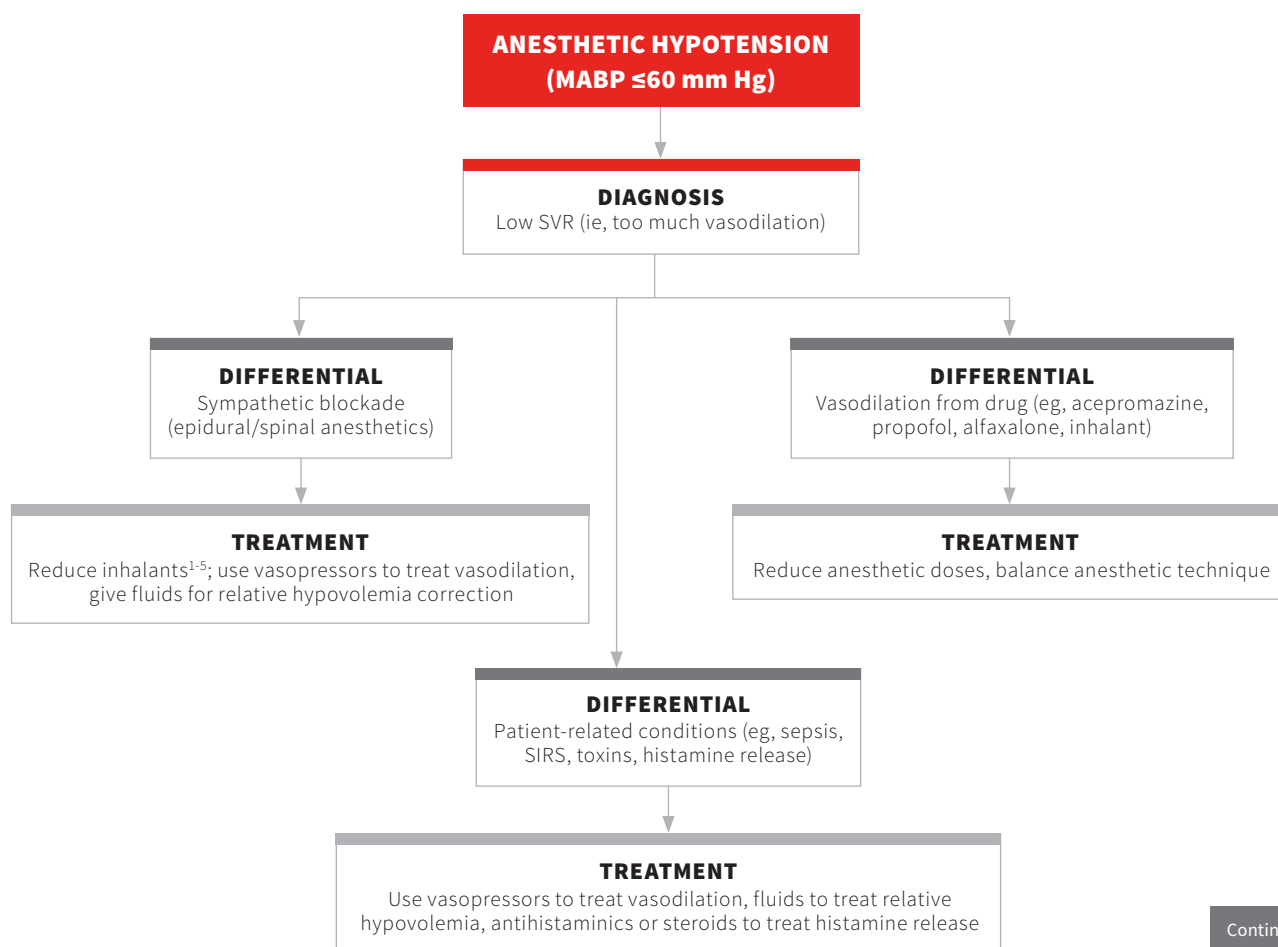


ANESTHETIC HYPOTENSION

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PERTINENT CALCULATIONS

▶ Blood pressure = CO \times SVR

▶ CO = SV \times HR

CO = cardiac output

HR = heart rate

MABP = mean arterial blood pressure

SIRS = systemic inflammatory response syndrome

SV = stroke volume

SVR = systemic vascular resistance

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**ANESTHETIC HYPOTENSION
(MABP \leq 60 mm Hg)**

DIAGNOSIS
Low cardiac output

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Low contractility

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High afterload

DIAGNOSIS
Low preload (low venous return,
low end-diastolic volume)

DIFFERENTIAL
Anesthetic drugs,⁶⁻⁸ inhalants,
injectables (eg, halothane, thiopental,
 α_2 agonists, propofol, ketamine in
catecholamine-depleted patients)

TREATMENT
Reduce vasopressors
and α_2 agents

TREATMENT
Use positive inotropes (eg,
ephedrine, dobutamine,
dopamine, epinephrine)

TREATMENT
Avoid strong cardiovascular
suppressant drugs, reduce anesthetic
doses, balance anesthetic technique

DIFFERENTIAL
Increased intrathoracic
pressure, IPPV, pneumothorax,
intrathoracic mass

DIFFERENTIAL
Low circulatory volume, relative
hypovolemia with vasodilation, absolute
hypovolemia with dehydration, GI losses,
crystalloid, and/or blood loss

DIFFERENTIAL
Patient-related conditions
(eg, aorta caval compression)

INVESTIGATION
Spontaneous breathing, low-tidal
volume IPPV, permissive
hypercapnia,* no PEEP

TREATMENT
Vasopressors (eg, phenylephrine,
vasopressin, norepinephrine) to treat
vasodilation; crystalloids, colloids,
blood products

DIFFERENTIAL
Dorsal recumbency for obese/
pregnant/ascitic/abdominal
mass patients; iatrogenic,
surgical manipulation

TREATMENT
Thoracocentesis if fluid
is present, remove mass

TREATMENT
Tilt operation table, treat mass/
pressure, add bolus of
crystalloids

AV = atrioventricular
BOAS = brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome
IPPV = intermittent positive pressure ventilation
MABP = mean arterial blood pressure
PEEP = positive end-expiratory pressure

*Permissive hypercapnia is a ventilation strategy in which oxygenation is prioritized over expired carbon dioxide. Higher than normal carbon dioxide levels are allowed because of low ventilation that preserves the lungs.

