

Investigation of the week

A 19yo man presents following an MVA in which he was entrapped for approximately 1 hour.

He has extensive lower limb injuries and a closed head injury. He has been intubated at the scene prior to arrival in the ED

Current observations: P120/min, BP 80/55, O2sats 97%.

This is his venous blood gas on arrival in the ED

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37.0°C  
pH      7.030  
PCO2    80.6 mmHg  
PO2     30 mmHg  
BEecf  -9 mmol/L  
HCO3   21.3 mmol/L  
TCO2   24 mmol/L  
sO2    33 %  
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Na      150 mmol/L  
K       8.1 mmol/L  
iCa     1.07 mmol/L  
Glu     8.9 mmol/L  
Hct     0.29  
Hb*     99 g/L  
*via Hct
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CPG: No

Describe the three key abnormalities on this blood gas

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2.
3.

Describe three therapeutic targets you would aim for in the next 30 minutes and for each target give two specific interventions that you would perform

1. Target
- a. Intervention 1.....
- b. Intervention
2.....

2. Target.....
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- a. Intervention
1.....
- b. Intervention
2.....

3. Target.....
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- a. Intervention
1.....
- b. Intervention
2.....

After further assessment you identify that he has a severe crush injury with a CK of 70,000.

Outline 4 steps to manage the crush injury in the ED

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