

# Quick Look Procedure Resource for NON-CRITICAL CARE staff

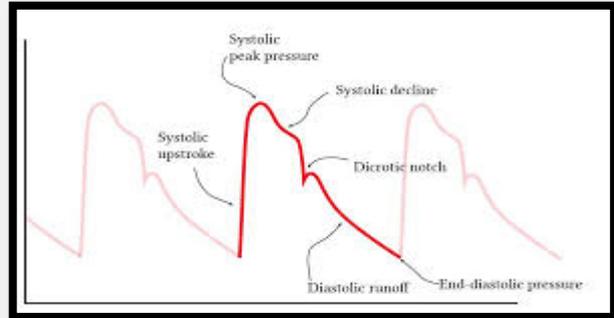
## What to do in response to a Blood Pressure alarm

### WHEN TO PERFORM

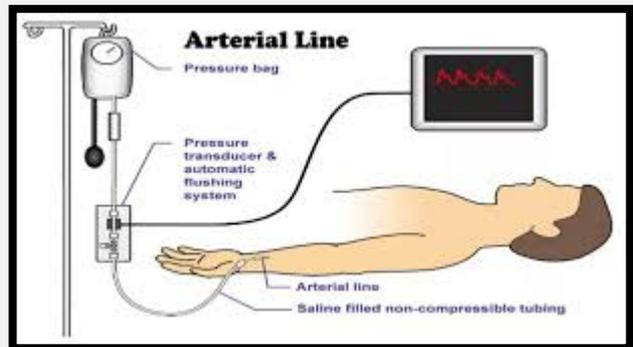
1. On hearing the Blood Pressure monitor alarm
2. On changing the patient position

### HOW TO PERFORM

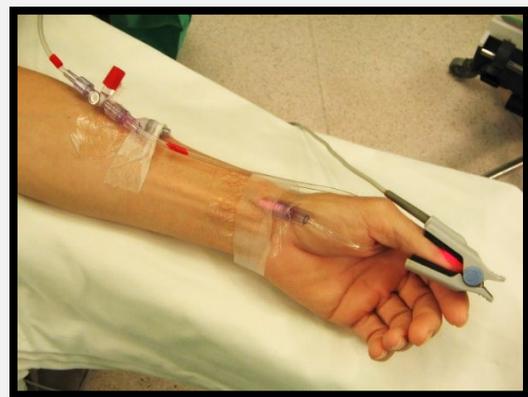
- a) Look at monitor to take note of why it is alarming
- b) Is the monitor displaying a normal arterial waveform
- c) Check NIBP



- a) Is the transducers position level with the patient's heart
- b) Check that the pressure bag is inflated to 300mmHg



- a) Check position of the patient's limb where the arterial line is inserted
- b) Check the site for signs of inflammation, displacement, kinking
- c) Does the blood pressure trace change when the limb is moved



### KEY SAFETY CONCERNS/WHEN TO CALL FOR HELP

1. Mean arterial blood pressure (MAP) <65mmHg : call for help
2. Decreasing level of consciousness: call for help
3. Never turn alarms off
4. Always ensure that 3 way taps are turned off following blood sampling