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| **Characteristics** | **Stages** |  |  |
|  | * ***Compensated*** * Able to maintain b/p and tissue perfusion | * ***Progressive*** * Compensatory mechanisms start to fail | * ***Irreversible*** * No response to treatment * Death is imminent |
| Heart rate | Tachycardia | Tachycardia  Greater than 150 beats/min | Slowing |
| Pulses | Bounding | Weak, thready | Absent |
| Systolic B/P | Normal | Below 90 mm Hg  In hypertensive pt, 25% below baseline | Below 60 mm Hg |
| Respirations | Increased rate, deep | Tachypnea, crackles, shallow | Slowing, irregular, shallow |
| Temperature | Varies | Decreased, can rise in septic shock | Decreasing |
| LOC | Anxious, restless, irritable, AO, sense of impending doom | Confused, lethargic | Unconscious, comatose |
| Skin and mucous membranes | Cool, clammy, pale | Moist, cold, clammy, pale | Cyanotic, mottled, cold, clammy |
| Urine output | Normal | Decreasing to less than 20 mL/hr | 15 mL/hr, decreasing to anuria |
| Bowel sounds | Normal | Decreasing | absent |