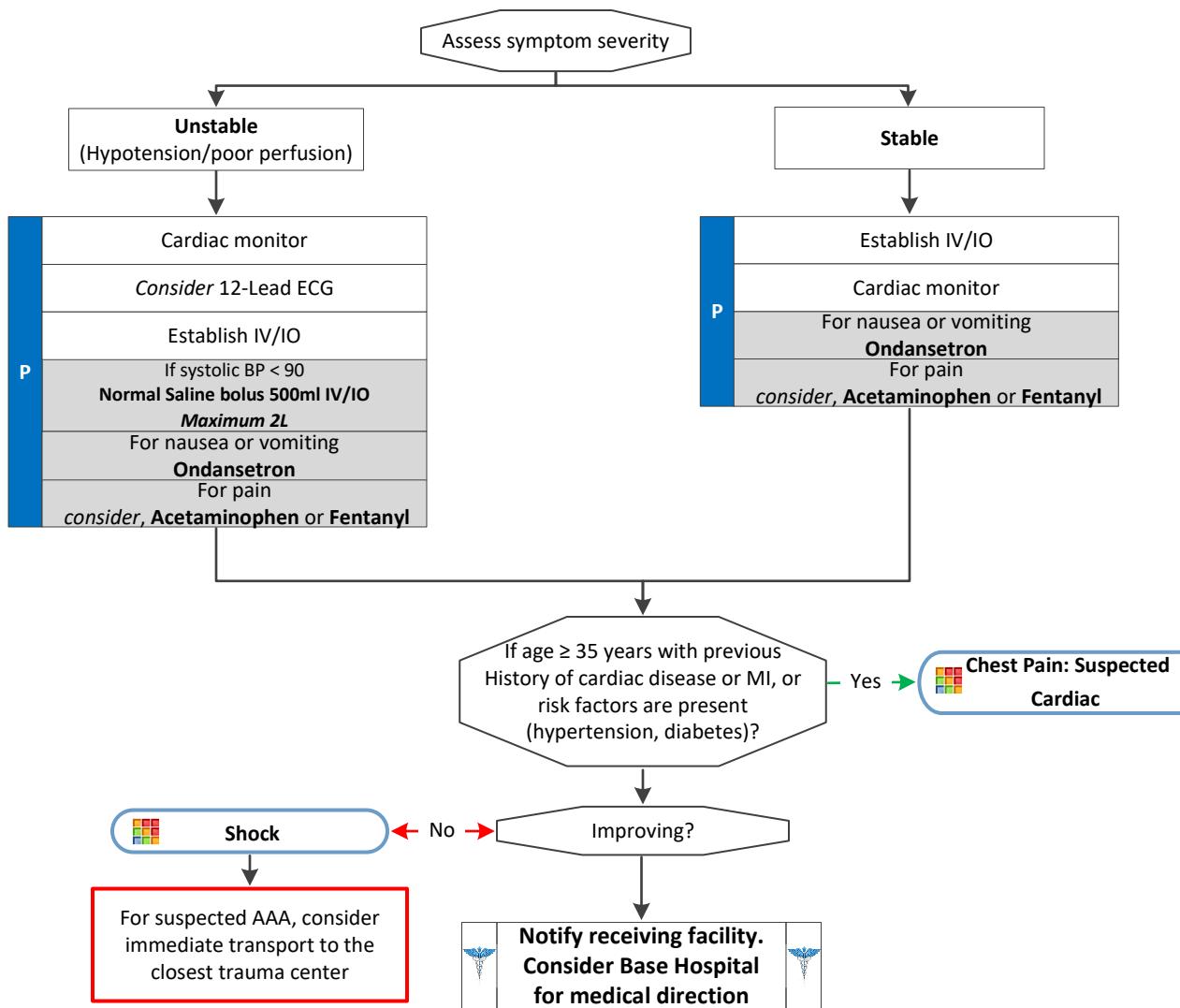


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History	Signs and Symptoms	Differential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age Past medical/surgical history Medications Onset Provocation Quality (e.g., crampy, constant, sharp, dull, etc.) Region/radiation/referred Severity (0 – 10 scale) Time (duration/repetition) Fever Last meal eaten Last bowel movement/emesis Menstrual history (pregnancy) 	<p>Signs and Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypotension Pain (location/migration) Tenderness Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea Dysuria (painful or difficult urination) Constipation Vaginal bleeding/discharge Pregnancy <p>Associated symptoms: (Helpful to localize source) Fever, headache, weakness, malaise, myalgia, cough, headache, mental status change, or rash</p>	<p>Differential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pneumonia or pulmonary embolus Liver (hepatitis) Peptic ulcer disease/gastritis Gallbladder MI Pancreatitis Kidney stone Abdominal aneurysm Appendicitis Bladder/prostate disorder Pelvic (PID, ectopic pregnancy, or ovarian cyst) Spleen enlargement Diverticulitis Bowel obstruction Gastroenteritis (infectious) Ovarian or testicular torsion



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Pearls

- Diabetic, females, and geriatric patients often have atypical pain, or only generalized complaints. Suspect cardiac etiology in these patients, perform a 12-Lead ECG, and investigate until proven otherwise.
- Ondansetron is not indicated or useful for motion sickness.
- Abdominal pain in women of childbearing age should be treated as pregnancy-related until proven otherwise.
- An abdominal aneurysm should be considered with severe abdominal or non-traumatic back pain, especially in patients > 50 years of age or patients with shock/poor perfusion. Reroute to the closest trauma center for immediate access to surgical services.

