

definition/terminology

“A severe, life-threatening, generalised, or systemic hypersensitivity reaction”

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Anaphylaxis

Table 1
Initial presenting feature in anaphylaxis (% of total). (Whittington T, Fisher MM. Anaphylactic and anaphylactoid reactions. *Balliere's Clinical Anesthesiology* 1998; **12**; 301–21)

Feature	Proportion of patients (%)
No pulse detected, hypotension	28
Difficulty inflating lungs	26
Flushing	21
Coughing	6
Rash	4
Desaturation	3
Cyanosis	3
Other—ECG change, wheeze, urticaria	9