TOO LITTLE FLUID? TOO MUCH FLUID? Take the 50/50 Challenge: Review the case studies to gain a broader understanding of Fluid Responsiveness.

THE CHALLENGE

CASE STUDY 01

Will this hemodynamically unstable, critically ill patient benefit from further fluid administration?

CLINICAL SCENARIO:

- 81 y/o male presents to the ED, confused and hypotensive
- Hx of chronic renal disease and dialysis
- ED physician orders a 250cc bolus, but, given minimal response in blood pressure, he infuses a vasopressor
- ED physician is hesitant to approve additional volume due to patient's renal history





NOT fluid responsive.



WILL FLUID HELP OR HARM?

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CONCLUSION: Do you know who is Fluid Responsive? Starling Can Help.

Dynamic assessment via the **Starling** system has confirmed the emergency medicine physician's hesitancy to administer additional volume due to this patient's history. In sepsis, a non-responsive PLR can confirm that a patient may need vasoactive medications, requiring an ICU admission.

ASSESSMENT OF FLUID RESPONSIVENESS WITH STARLING:

Using the **Starling** Fluid Management System, the emergency medicine physician performs a dynamic assessment with a passive leg raise (PLR) to determine fluid responsiveness and measures the subsequent change in stroke volume index. The Starling system reports a 7.7% increase in SVI, indicating that this patient is NOT fluid responsive.

Based on the objective results of the PLR the emergency department team (not just physician) decides to withhold additional fluids, continue vasopressor administration and admit the patient to the ICU.





CASE STUDY 02

Will this hemodynamically unstable, septic patient benefit from further fluid administration?

CLINICAL SCENARIO:

- 70 y/o male with Hx of chronic renal failure is admitted to the ICU for septic shock.
- Patient's MAP is 55
- However, ICU team is reluctant to administer additional volume due to patient's history of renal failure.





\$50% will respond to IV Fluid [≈50% will not]

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CONCLUSION: Do you know who is Fluid Responsive? **Starling** Can Help.

Dynamic assessment via the **Starling** system provides objective data, which may be useful in treating complex patients such as those with renal failure or congestive heart failure. Fluid responsiveness is best assessed by Stroke Volume changes, not subjective clinical assessment.

ASSESSMENT OF FLUID RESPONSIVENESS WITH STARLING:

Using the **Starling** Fluid Management System, the Intensivist performs a dynamic assessment with a passive leg raise (PLR) to determine fluid responsiveness. The **Starling** system reports a **25% increase in SVI**, indicating that this patient IS fluid responsive.





Do you know which hemodynamically unstable patient will respond to a bolus of IV fluid?

ONLY 50% OF HEMODYNAMICALLY UNSTABLE PATIENTS WILL RESPOND TO FLUID

However, static assessment approaches assessing MAP, urinary output, heart rate and physical assessment are limited and late indicators of perfusion.⁷ Such outdated physical exam findings D0 NOT DIFFERENTIATE fluid responders from non-responders, and measurement of CVP is inadequate.⁸

Plus, the 2021 Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines suggest—for adults with sepsis or septic shock—using dynamic measures to quide fluid resuscitation over physical examination or static parameters alone.⁹ And, The 2020 FRESH (Fluid Responsiveness Evaluation in Sepsis-associated Hypotension) trial demonstrated improved outcomes when a dynamic assessment of fluid responsiveness was used to quide treatment in sepsis patients.7





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Bolus Challenge

CONCLUSION: Dynamic **Assessments Provide Objective** Data for determining if fluid will help or harm

The **Starling** system supports individualized fluid therapy without requiring an invasive arterial or central line.¹⁰

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