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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ADULT PROTOCOLS & GUIDELINES

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Primary (1st 24hrs) PPH—Initial Response

Blood loss > 500mL and/or Haemodynamic compromise

- **Assess blood loss**
- Address woman's concerns
- Adjust position to lie flat
- **Assess DRSABC:**
 - CALL FOR HELP—Midwife and FACEM
 - Apply facial oxygen @ 15 L/min via rebreather mask
 - Continuously monitor BP, HR, SpO₂
 - **Keep warm**
- Assess cause (4 Ts: refer below) massage atonic fundus
- Insert 2 x 14-16G cannulas —⇒send urgent FBC, Group & hold/X-match, Coags,

- **U&Es (include Ca2+, lactate)**
- IV-1—fluid & blood component replace-
 - Avoid excessive crystalloid use—give 2-
 - Transfuse 2 units RBC (O-Neg/group specific as available)
- IV-2—IV drug therapies
- Consider intraosseous access if IV access unattainable
- **Inset IDC—monitor output**
- Assess/record vital signs 5 minutely and temp 15 minutely

