

THE TWEED/BYRON HEALTH SERVICE GROUP	EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ADULT PROTOCOLS & GUIDELINES		Policy Number: NC-TWB-CLP-7629-15
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Primary (1st 24hrs) PPH—Initial Response

Blood loss > 500mL and/or Haemodynamic compromise

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- 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 re-breather 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 replacement:
 - Avoid excessive crystalloid use - give 2-3 L
 - 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

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