



## Thoracotomy Aide-Memoire

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### Resuscitative Priorities

1. Decompress tamponade



2. Control ALL sources of haemorrhage



3. Occlude aorta & rapidly volume resuscitate



4. Internal cardiac massage



5. Manage arrhythmia (apical flick or DCCV)



6. Consider Chemical Support (Adrenaline, Calcium, HCO<sub>3</sub>)

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### Post Intervention Priorities

1. Communicate possible PLE with CCP



2. Remove all re-useable surgical equipment PRIOR to PLE



**3. Ensure ALL sharps are accounted for – two-person confirmation**



4. Check surgical equipment against equipment checklist  
(See laminate in advanced surgical module)



5. Retrieve code summary & review ambulance EPR for accuracy



6. Hot debrief with crew



7. Review CSOP 028 for post-intervention actions

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