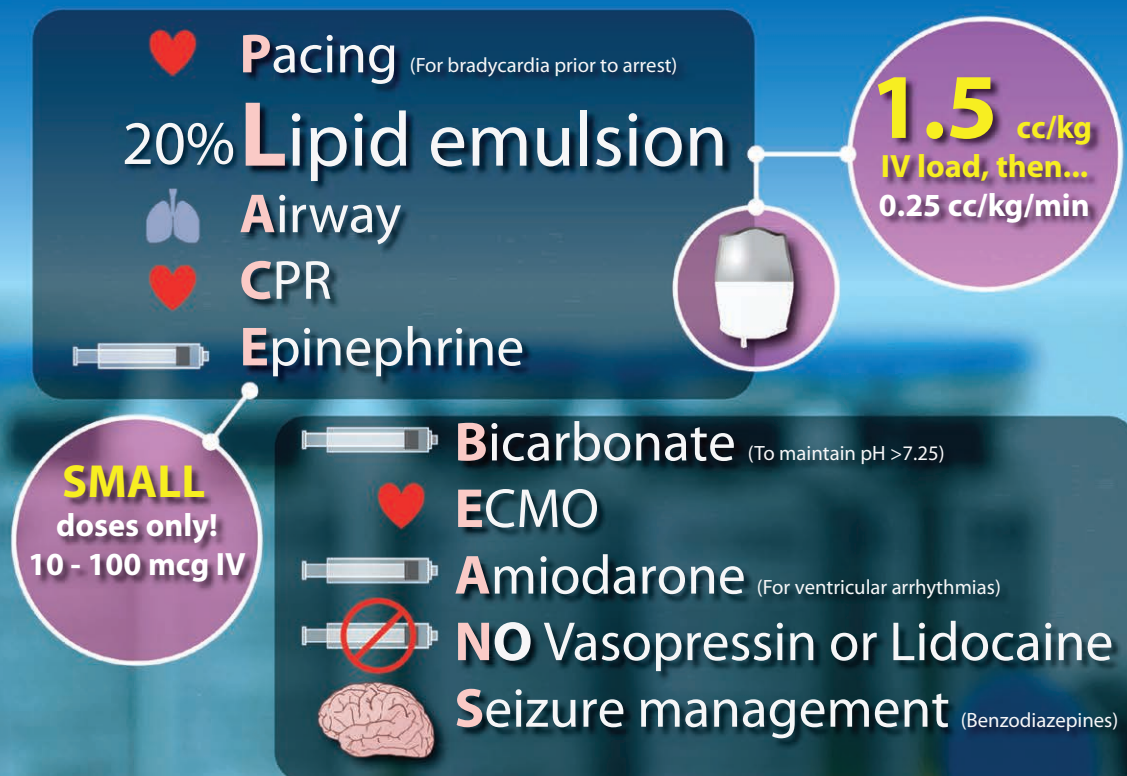


Perioperative Cardiac Arrest: Focus on Local Anesthetic Systemic Toxicity (LAST)

When compared to out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, such events that occur in the perioperative setting are unique with respect to their etiology, the fact that they are often witnessed firsthand and their significant departure from standard ACLS algorithms. A mnemonic device for the general approach to LAST is illustrated below.



Review articles contained in this issue elaborate the unique characteristics of in-hospital, perioperative cardiac arrest and delineate the approach to eight clinical scenarios^{1,2}. The reader is encouraged to explore these reviews for further detail.