

Acute Variceal Bleeding

Cirrhosis GI bleed bedside essentials

Gastroenterology

PHYSICIAN REFERENCE

Early

- Resuscitate carefully; start vasoactive therapy and prophylactic antibiotic promptly when variceal bleeding is suspected.

Endoscopy

- Urgent endoscopic therapy, usually band ligation for esophageal varices.

Failure/high risk

- Early/pre-emptive TIPS is considered in selected high-risk patients; balloon/stent may bridge uncontrolled bleeding to definitive therapy.

Clinical safety note

Use this as a memory aid, not a prescription. Verify current guidelines, local protocols, contraindications, renal/hepatic dosing, pregnancy status, interactions and patient-specific factors before treatment.