Enhanced Perioperative Protocol

Post-Operative Destination
Nurse Enhanced Unit: Intermediate risk (3.1% mortality)
High Dependency Unit: High risk (9.1% mortality)

Check list:
- Pathway obs chart
- Target parameters set
- Fluid boluses prescribed
- Vasopressor prescribed
- Cardiac Monitoring in place

Observe
Hourly Observations/6 hourly ABGs

Parameters outside target range?

Assess for fluid responsiveness
Perform passive leg raising test

Is the patient fluid responsive?¹

MAP within target limits?

Crystalloid bolus²
250ml over 15min

Perform ABG

Vasopressor Support³
Titrate to target MAP

Lactate > 3.0

Lactate > 4.0

Maximum vasopressor dose reached

Medical Review
Escalate as per NEWS score. Consider revising MAP & U/O parameters.

Urgent Medical Review
Treat as NEWS 7 or more & escalate accordingly. Consider HDU transfer if on ward.

1) Fluid responsiveness is shown with a >10% increase in stroke volume after a passive leg raise or fluid bolus.
2) After four fluid boluses please take an ABG and seek a medical review.
3) Ensure baseline ABG is taken prior to starting vasopressors. On the ward use the metaraminol protocol described in the Perioperative Manual and on the pharmacy monograph.