Emergency Laparotomy Collaborative

6 steps to achieve better outcomes.

1. Check NEWS/lactate. Start resuscitation with fluids and oxygen. Escalate if appropriate.

2. Carry out sepsis assessment. If septic, complete sepsis 6 including antibiotics within one hour.

3. Knife-to-skin within six hours of decision to operate.

4. Use cardiac output monitored goal-directed fluid therapy intraoperatively and for six hours postoperatively.

5. Critical care for all patients postoperatively.

6. Consultant led care throughout.

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