Ontario’s Top 10 Recommendations for Massive Hemorrhage Protocol

1. All hospitals shall have a protocol to guide the management of a massively bleeding patient.

2. The protocol shall be called “The Massive Hemorrhage Protocol.”

3. Participating team members should have access to formal training and drills.

4. The protocol should specify how the lead clinician at the bedside is designated.

5. Tranexamic acid (TXA) should be administered as soon as possible.

6. All patients should receive interventions to prevent hypothermia.

7. The protocol shall state the reversal strategy for commonly used oral anticoagulants.

8. The transport service(s) should be promptly notified if the decision is made to transfer the patient to another hospital for definitive hemorrhage control.

9. Laboratory testing should be done at baseline and at a minimum hourly until the protocol is terminated.

10. The protocol shall consider the available resources at the institution.

This achieves standardization and better outcomes for patients.

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