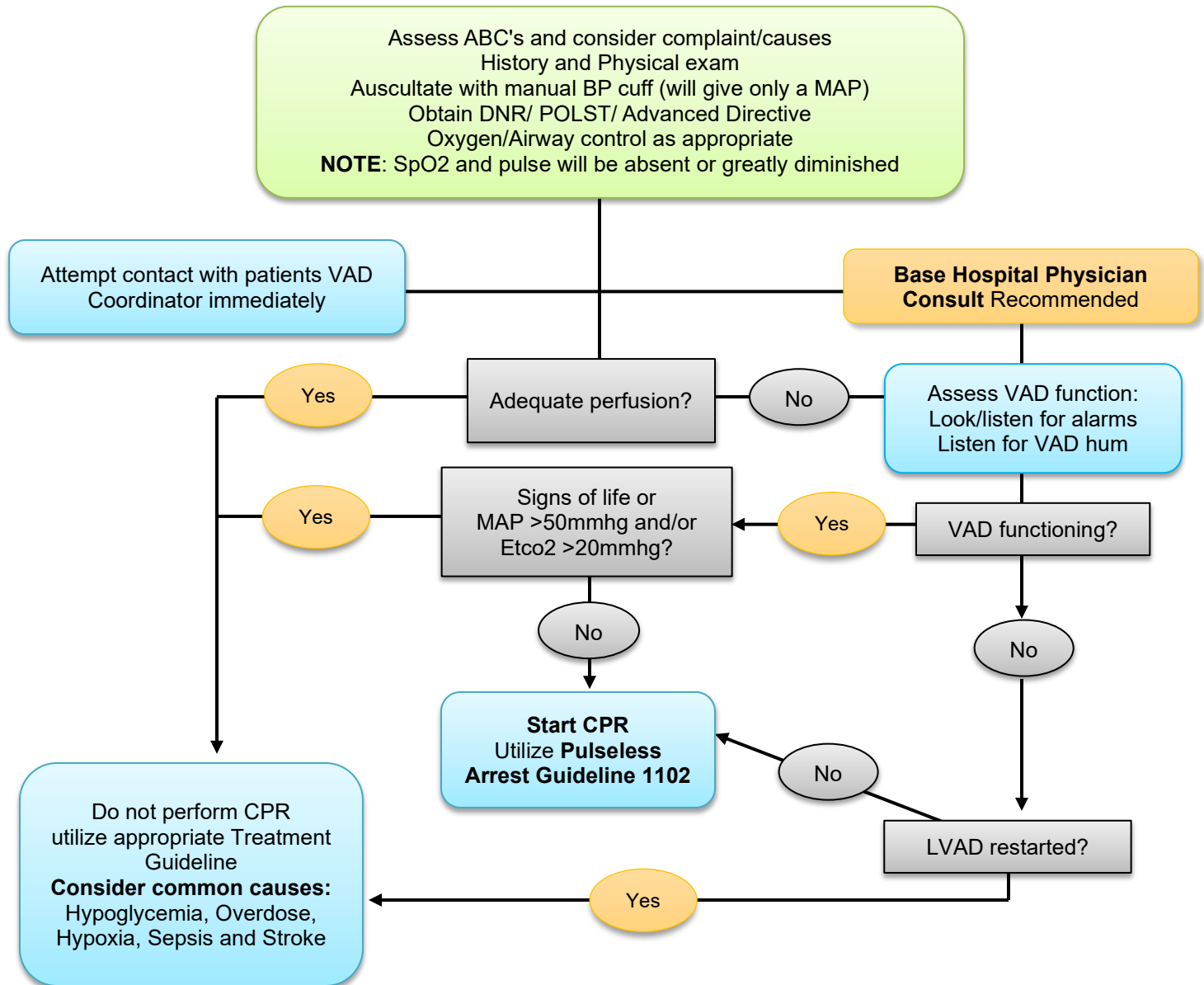


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Critical Information

- If defibrillation is needed, do not place pads over patient's device- Anterior/Posterior placement of pads is preferred.
- The VAD Coordinator should be contacted immediately. The patient and caregiver will have contact information; it may also be found on the device, a medical alert bracelet, near a phone, or other obvious location. The VADC may be on the phone upon EMS arrival
- The VAD Coordinator is a valuable resource but is **NOT** medical control. Request physician consult if necessary
- Request POLST/DNR status
- Ensure **ALL** equipment, back up batteries, chargers etc. are brought with patient during transport.