

SAQ 1

You are the duty consultant. A 30 year old patient is being brought in by the paramedics as a priority 1 patient (ETA 5 mins). He was found hanging by his friend at home. Initial rhythm was PEA. The paramedics have been working on the patient for 55 mins and the patient has not regained circulation. You have been informed that patient is intubated and there is an IO access in.

1. How will you generally prepare for the patient arrival (4marks)

Likely to be a futile further resuscitation

- Gather the team (medical, nursing, scribe)

- Prepare ALS drugs and airway equipment

- Delegate the floor activities to the next senior

- Triage staff to accompany next of kin to relative's room

- Create a resus bed to receive the patient

2. A decision was made to call off the resuscitation attempt immediately after patient arrival. Describe what next steps you will take (6marks)

- Leave all the lines and tubes in situ

- Death to be reported to the coroner

- Instruct staff not to handle the body

- Leave all evidence including clothing intact

- Thorough and complete documentation

- Information for next of kin/patient's GP

