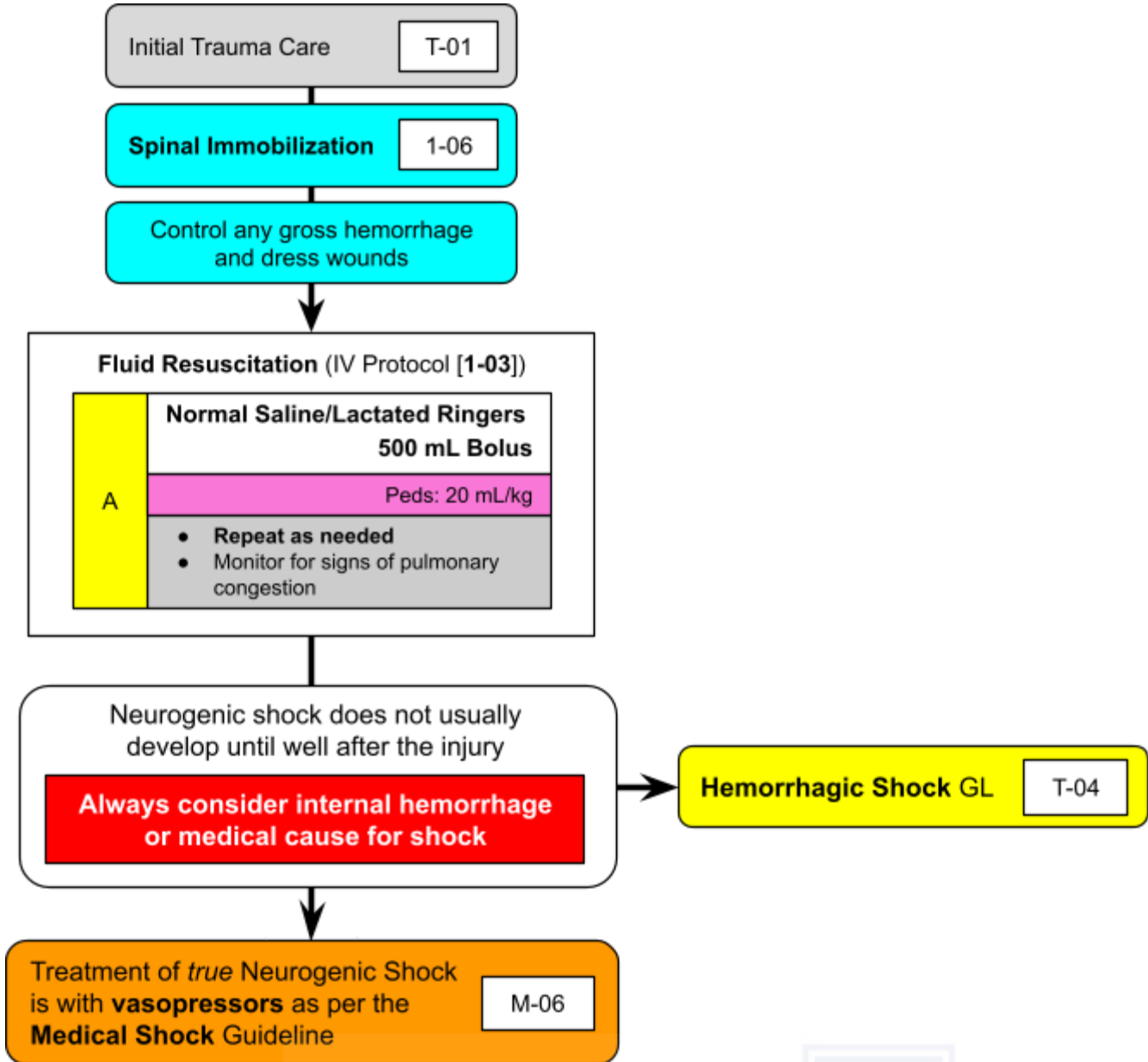


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KEY POINTS:

- Signs of Spinal Cord Injury (Typically Bilateral):
 - Sensory loss -- will generally corresponding to the level of the injury
 - Motor weakness and/or paralysis
 - Numbness, tingling or painful burning in the extremities
- *Central cord syndrome* is an incomplete spinal cord injury and causes painful burning or sensory changes in bilateral upper extremities and spares the lower extremities.
- Unilateral (one-sided) neurologic symptoms are generally due to a peripheral nerve injury in trauma, but always consider a stroke (CVA) or increased ICP (herniation--if significantly decreased LOC).

QI Review Parameters:

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