

# Dealing with Surgical Emergencies

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## Introduction

*At a cardiac arrest, the first procedure is to take your own pulse. –Samuel Shem, The House of God*

## What to Do

1. **Call for help**
2. Airway
3. Breathing
4. Circulation
5. Disability
6. Exposure
7. Foley
8. Gastric decompression
9. Hertz
10. Imaging

## Reading List

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