

Clinical Monitoring Basics



What does the monitor show?







Take it from the top!



The tracing across the top is the current heart rhythm. The 72 at top right is the current heart







Other Vital Signs



If using a non invasive blood pressure device the results will display at right as BP and MAP. The number that displays is the latest BP that was taken and not always the current BP.

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To obtain a BP







Other Vital Signs



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Optional Tracings

PA Pressure

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If the patient has an invasive monitoring catheter you can view the Pulmonary artery Pressure.

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Optional Tracings



If the patient has a central line you can also view the Central Venous Pressure





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Pulse Oximetry will display if there is a pulse oximeter probe attached. This usually has a heart rate display as well. Correlation of the heart rate gives the clinician a baseline for trusting the SPO2

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Review the Numbers







Practice

Throughout the clinical education process you will become more familiar with the controls and displays of the different monitors you will encounter.



