

1. Investigations									
a)	NEWS ☐	FBC ☐	U/E ☐	LFT ☐	Coag ☐	Gluc ☐	Ca/PO ₄ /Mg ☐		
b)	Blood cultures ☐			Urine Dip/ MSU ☐	CXR ☐	Request USS abdo ☐	CRP ☐		
c)	Perform ascitic tap in all patients with ascites using green needle irrespective of clotting parameters and send for ascitic PMN/WCC, culture and fluid albumin						Done Y N	N/A ☐	
d)	Record recent daily alcohol intake				 Units				
2. Alcohol - if the patient has a history of current excess alcohol consumption (>8 units/day Males or >6 units/day Females) N/A ☐									
a)	Give IV Pabrinex (2 pairs of vials three times daily)						Y N		
b)	Commence CIWA score if evidence of alcohol withdrawal						Y N N/A		
3. Infections - if sepsis or infection is suspected N/A ☐									
a)	What was the suspected source?.....								
b)	Treat with antibiotics in accordance with Trust protocol Y N								
c)	If the ascitic neutrophils >0.25 x 10 ⁹ /L (>250/mm ³) (i.e. SBP) then give: Y N								
	I)	Treat with antibiotics as per trust protocol Y N NA							
	II)	IV albumin (20% Human Albumin solution) 1.5g/kg Y N NA (20g of albumin in 100ml of 20% Human Albumin Solution)							
4. Acute kidney injury and/or hyponatraemia (Na <125 mmol/L) N/A ☐									
AKI defined by modified RIFLE criteria			1: Increase in serum creatinine ≥ 26µmol/L within 48hrs or						
			2: ≥50% rise in serum creatinine over the last 7 days or						
			3: Urine output (UO) <0.5mls/kg/hr for more than 6 hrs based on dry weight or						
			4: Clinically dehydrated						
a)	Suspend all diuretics and nephrotoxic drugs						Y N NA		
b)	Fluid resuscitate with 5% Human Albumin Solution or 0.9% Sodium Chloride (250ml boluses with regular reassessment: 1-2L will correct most losses)						Y N		
c)	Initiate fluid balance chart/daily weights						Y N		
d)	Aim for MAP>80mmHg to achieve UO>0.5ml/kg/hr based on dry weight						Y N		
e)	At 6 hrs, if target not achieved or EWS worsening then consider escalation to higher level of care						Y N NA		
5. GI bleeding – if the patient has evidence of GI bleeding and varices are suspected N/A ☐									
a)	Fluid resuscitate according to BP, pulse and venous pressure (aim MAP >65 mmHg)						Y N		
b)	Prescribe IV terlipressin 2mg four times daily (caution if known ischaemic heart disease or peripheral vascular disease; perform ECG in >65yrs)						Y N NA		
c)	Prescribe prophylactic antibiotics as per Trust protocol (cefuroxime unless contraindicated)						Y N		
d)	If prothrombin time (PT) prolonged give IV vitamin K 10mg stat						Y N NA		
e)	If PT> 20 seconds (or INR >2.0) – give FFP (2-4 units)						Y N NA		
f)	If platelets <50 – give IV platelets						Y N NA		
g)	Transfuse blood if Hb <7.0g/L or massive bleeding (aim for Hb >8g/L)						Y N NA		
h)	Early endoscopy after resuscitation (ideally within 12 hours)						Y N		
6. Encephalopathy N/A ☐									
a)	Look for precipitant (GI bleed, constipation, dehydration, sepsis etc.)						Y N		
b)	Encephalopathy – lactulose 20-30ml QDS or phosphate enema (aiming for 2 soft stools/day)						Y N		
c)	If in clinical doubt in a confused patient request CT head to exclude subdural haematoma						Y N N/A		
7. Other									
a)	Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis – prescribe prophylactic LMWH (patients with liver disease are at a high risk of thromboembolism even with a prolonged prothrombin time; withhold if patient is actively bleeding or platelets <50)						Y N NA		
b)	GI/Liver review at earliest opportunity (ideally within 24 hrs)						☐		