### Traumatic Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation: What Can Guide Initial Decision-Making?

#### Why Do Trauma Patients Arrest?

- **Obstructive**
- **Hypoxemic**
- **Hypovolemic**
- **Neurologic**

PoCUS can help:
- Identify pathology
- Dictate resuscitation priorities
- Guide termination

### How Do We Resuscitate the Traumatic Cardiac Arrest Patient?

- **Thoracotomy**
  - Guidelines exist to help decision-making (considering potential for survival)

- **Chest Compressions**
  - De-prioritize in favor of rapidly focusing on interventions to treat reversible causes

**Take Home Message:** Understand and treat underlying physiology. Consider de-prioritizing chest compressions.

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