

The rule of 20

The Rule of 20 is a checklist of 20 critical parameters to evaluate at least daily in critically ill animals.

Place this checklist into the patient record with the daily SOAP to prompt you to assess and intervene as required. For each parameter, write your comments regarding the status and therapeutic strategy. The order of priority will differ depending on the clinical situation.

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| <input type="radio"/> Fluid balance, colloidal osmotic pressure
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| <input type="radio"/> Oxygenation and ventilation
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| <input type="radio"/> Blood pressure
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| <input type="radio"/> Heart rate, contractility, rhythm
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| <input type="radio"/> Glucose
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| <input type="radio"/> Body temperature
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| <input type="radio"/> Albumin
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| <input type="radio"/> Electrolytes
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| <input type="radio"/> Mentation
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| <input type="radio"/> RBCs and hemoglobin
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