

Table 1. Potential indications for pulmonary artery catheter

Complicated myocardial infarction

Cardiogenic vs. noncardiogenic pulmonary edema

Primary vs. secondary pulmonary hypertension

Unclear cause of shock

Assessment of therapy

- Afterload reduction

- Vasopressors

- Beta-blockers

- Intra-aortic balloon counterpulsation

- Fluid requirement in critically ill patients

Management of postoperative open-heart surgical patients

Assessment of valvular heart disease

Assessment of cardiac tamponade/constriction