

Table 2. Causes of incorrect or unreliable information

RA, PA, PCWP

Over-, underdamping
Malpositioned catheter
Incorrect stopcock position
System not zeroed to atmosphere
Monitor scale too large or too small
Tricuspid, mitral regurgitation

Cardiac output

Atrial fibrillation
Severe tachycardia
Too slow or too rapid injectate speed
Malpositioned thermistor (catheter)
Tricuspid, mitral regurgitation

SvO₂

Catheter malposition
Poor light signal
Clot obscuring light source

PA= pulmonary artery; PCWP= pulmonary capillary wedge pressure; RA= right atrial pressure; SvO₂= venous oxygen saturation