

A child is triaged to one of your resuscitation rooms and a nurse in the area yells. "I need a physician, stat.!" On arrival, you notice a 12-year-old girl who is bleeding profusely from the mouth. The father says that the patient is postoperative day 6 from a tonsillectomy. She was well until she started bleeding about 1 hour ago. The child is pale, responsive to loud voice only, and is actively gagging and vomiting blood. A quick examination of the child's oropharynx identifies active hemorrhage from the left tonsillar bed. The child's vitals are as follows: HR 140 bpm, RR 10/min, BP 85/65 mm Hg, temperature 36.4°C, and oxygen saturation is 89% on room air.

With respect to this scenario, list **FOUR** critical interventions in the immediate management of this child.

4 Marks

- 1 Provide direct pressure to site of hemorrhage
- 2 Protect the child's airway by intubation
- 3 Initiate or massive hemorrhage protocol
- 4 STAT surgical consultation