Syncope/Near Syncope

**History**
- History of cardiac, stroke or seizures
- Occult blood loss (GI or ectopic)
- Females: LMP or vaginal bleeding
- Fluid loss: nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Past medical history
- Medications
- Recent air travel

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- Loss of consciousness with recovery
- Lightheadedness or dizziness
- Palpitations
- Pulse irregularity
- Hypotension

**Differential**
- Vasovagal
- Orthostatic hypotension
- Cardiac syncope
- Micturition or defecation syncope
- Psychiatric
- Stroke
- Hypoglycemia
- Seizure
- Shock
- Toxicological, including alcohol
- Medication effect (hypotension)
- Pulmonary embolism
- AAA

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**Pearls**
- Consider dysrhythmias, GI bleed, ectopic pregnancy, and seizure as possible cause of syncope.