PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT



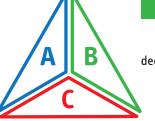
Emergency Medical Services

GENERAL IMPRESSION (First View of Patient)

AIRWAY AND APPEARANCE (Open/Clear - Muscle Tone/Body Position)

Abnormal: Abnormal or absent cry or speech. Decreased response to parents or environmental stimuli. Floppy or rigid muscle tone or not moving.

Normal: Normal cry or speech. Responds to parents or to environmental stimuli such as lights, keys, or toys. Good muscle tone. Moves extremities well.



WORK OF BREATHING (Visible Movement/Respiratory Effort)

Abnormal: Increased/excessive (nasal flaring, retractions or abdominal muscle use) or decreased/absent respiratory effort or noisy breathing.

> **Normal:** Breathing appears regular without excessive respiratory muscle effort or audible respiratory sounds.

CIRCULATION TO SKIN (Color/Obvious Bleeding)

Abnormal: Cyanosis, mottling, paleness/pallor or obvious significant bleeding. Normal: Color appears normal for racial group of child. No significant bleeding.

DECISION/ACTION POINTS:

- · Any abnormal findings or life-threatening chief complaint such as major trauma/burns, seizures, diabetes, asthma attack, airway obstruction, etc (urgent) - proceed to Initial Assessment. Contact ALS if ALS not already on scene/enroute.
- All findings normal (non-urgent) proceed to Initial Assessment.

INITIAL ASSESSMENT (Primary Survey)

AIRWAY AND APPEARANCE (Open/Clear - Mental Status)

Abnormal: Obstruction to airflow. Gurgling, stridor, or noisy breathing. Verbal, Pain, or Unresponsive on AVPU scale.

Normal: Clear and maintainable. Alert on AVPU scale.



WORK OF BREATHING (Effort / Sounds / Rate / Central Color)

Abnormal: Presence of retractions, nasal flaring, stridor, wheezes, grunting, gasping or gurgling. Respiratory rate outside normal range. Central cyanosis.

Normal: Easy, quiet respirations. Respiratory rate within normal range. No central cyanosis.

CIRCULATION

(Pulse Rate & Strength / Extremity Color & Temperature / Capillary Refill / Blood Pressure)

Abnormal: Cyanosis, mottling, or pallor. Absent or weak peripheral or central pulses; Pulse or systolic BP outside normal range; Capillary refill > 2 sec with other abnormal findings.

Normal: Color appears normal for racial group of child. No significant bleeding

DECISION/ACTION POINTS:

- Any abnormal finding (C, U, or P) Immediate transport with ALS. If ALS is not immediately available, meet ALS intercept enroute to hospital or proceed to hospital if closer. Open airway & provide O2. Assist ventilations, start CPR, suction, or control bleeding as appropriate. Check for causes such as diabetes, poisoning, trauma, seizure, etc. Assist patient with prescribed bronchodilators or epinephrine auto-injector or administer meds if approved and appropriate.
- All findings on assessment of child normal (S) Continue assessment, detailed history & treatment at scene or enroute.

	Normal Respiratory Rate	e Normal Pulse Rate	Lower Limit of Normal Systolic BP
Infant (<1yr):	30- 60	100 - 160	>60 (or strong pulses)
Toddler (1-3yr):	24 - 40	80 - 130	>70 (or strong pulses)
Preschooler(4-5yr):	22 - 34	80 - 140	>75
School-age(6-12yr):	18 - 30	70 - 120	>80
Adolescent(13-18yr):	12 - 20	60 - 100	>90
		Pulse slower in sleeping child/athlete	(Estimated min SBP >70 +2 x Age in Yr)

This reference card should NOT replace or supersede regional prehospital medical treatment protocols.

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APGAR Score

	0 pt	1 pt	2 pts
Appearance	Blue	Pink Body Blue Limbs	All Pink
Pulse	Absent	<100	>100
Grimace/Reflex	None	Grimace	Cough/Sneeze
Activity	Limp	Some Flexion	Active Motion
Respirations	Absent	Slow/Irregular	Good

Neonatal Resuscitation

Dry, Warm, Position, Tactile Stimulation Call for ALS back-up if needed Suction if airway obstruction or BVM needed

Apnea/Gasping, HR <100 or central cyanosis BVM @40-60/min with room air. 02 if sat stays < 95%

HR<60 after 30 sec. BVM

Chest Compressions @ 120/min - 3:1 1/3 to 1/2 chest depth 2 thumbs encircle chest or 2 fingers /

> ALS available & HR <60 Consider intubation Epinephrine 0.01-0.03mg/kg IV/I0/ET 1:10,000 q 3-5 min

Glasgow Coma Score

Infants		Children/Adults		
Eye Opening				
Spontaneous	4	Spontaneous		
To speech/sound	3	To speech		
To pain	2	To pain		
No response	1	No response		
Verbal Response				
Coos or babbles	5	Oriented		
Irritable crying	-	Confused		
Cries to pain	4 3	Inappropriate words		
Moans to pain	2	Incomprehensible		
None	1	None		
Motor Response				
Spontaneous	6	Obeys commands		
Withdraws touch	5	Localizes pain		
Withdraws pain	4	Withdraws pain		
Abnormal flexion	3	Abnormal flexion		
Abnormal extension	2	Abnormal extension		
No response	1	No response		

Respiratory or Cardiac Arrest

	Infant	Child	Adol/Adult
Vent Rate Patient with pulses	20-30/min	20-30/min	10/min
Compress Method	Encircle or 2 fingers	1 or 2 hands	2 hands
Depth	1/3 (1 1/2 in)	1/3 (2 in)	2 - 2.4 in
Compress Rate	mpress Rate 100-120 per minute		te
C:V Ratio (2 people)	15:2	15:2	30:2
Push HARD & FAST, allow full chest RECOIL!			

CPR Notes

- Start CPR for cardiac arrest or HR<60 with poor perfusion.
- Prefer AED with pediatric capabilities if patient <25kg/<55lb or <8 yr. May use adult AED if unavailable.
- Do not pause CPR for more than 10 sec. at any time.
- After advanced airway insertion, ventilate continuously: infant/child at 20-30/min; adolescent/adult 10/min
- After defibrillation, immediately resume CPR for 2 full minutes before pulse/rhythm check.
- Use Adolescent/Adult protocols for patients with clear signs of puberty (e.g., facial hair, obvious breasts, acne, axillary hair, adult appearance/size, etc.)

Pediatric ALS Guidelines

Asystole or PEA	Bradycardia	VF or Pulseless VT	
Start CPR Epinephrine ASAP, then Q 3-5 min: 0.01 mg/kg IV/ IO* or 0.1 mg/kg ET + (if no IV/IO) * Use 0.1mg/mL (1:10,000) IV/IO + Use 1mg/mL (1:1000) ET	Open airway; ventilate with oxygen. Advanced airway if LOC & poor airway Start CPR if HR<60 with poor perfusion . Epinephrine: 0.01 mg/kg IV/ IO* or 0.1 mg/kg ET + (if no IV/IO) Continue Epinephrine q 3-5 min, same dose Atropine 0.02 mg/kg IV/IO (0.03 mg/kg ET) (if AV block or organophosphate poisoning)	Defibrillate q 2 min as needed 1st shock 2j-4j/kg, 2nd shock 4 j /kg, later shocks: 4-10j/kg (up to adult dose) Continue CPR; ventilate with 02 Epinephrine Q3-5 min: 0.01 mg/kg IV/ I0* or 0.1 mg/kg ET + Advanced airway with capnography.	
Advanced airway with capnography	Min. dose 0.1 mg Max. dose 0.5 mg child; 1 mg adolescent Consider transcutaneous pacing as needed.	Amiodarone 5mg/kg IV/IO or Lidocaine 1mg/kg IV/ IO/ ET Magnesium 25-50mg/kg IV/ IO if torsades de pointes or hypomagnesemi	

Consider possibility of hypoxia, hypovolemia, hypothermia, hydrogen ion (acidosis), hyper/hypokalemia, hypoglycemia, tamponade, tension pneumothorax, toxins/poisons/drugs, trauma, or thrombosis (coronary or pulmonary) and treat if present.