



Quick Summary PALS Sheet 2014

<u>VF/Pulseless VT</u>	<u>Asystole/PEA</u>	<u>Tachycardia</u>	<u>Bradycardia</u>
<p>ABC's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Shock</u> <u>2J/kg</u> immediate compression • <u>Epi</u> <u>0.01mg/kg q</u> 4min. • <u>Shock</u> <u>4J/kg</u> immediate compression • <u>Amio</u> <u>5mg/kg</u> • <u>Shock</u> <u>4J/kg</u> immediate compression • <u>Epi</u> <u>0.01mg/kg q</u> 4min. <p><u>Continue pattern</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lido.</u> <u>1mg/kg</u> • <u>Mag 25 to</u> <u>50mg/kg</u> 	<p>ABC's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR 5 cycles 2min. • <u>EPI</u> <u>0.01mg/kg</u> q 4min or 0.1ml/kg <p><u>CONSIDER CAUSES!!!</u> For all unstable patients and rhythms</p> <p>DO NOT DELAY CHEST COMPRESSIONS MORE THAN 10 SECONDS</p>	<p>ABC's</p> <p>Unstable Narrow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vagal maneuver • Sync. Cardio. 0.5 to 1J/kg then 2J/kg • Adenosine 0.1mg/kg double 2nd dose • Consider consult <p>Unstable Wide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sync. Cardio. 0.5 to 1J/kg • Consider consult <p>Torsades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mag 25 to 50mg/kg over 5-60min 	<p>ABC's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR < 60 with poor perfusion begin CPR • Epi. 0.01mg/kg q 4 min. • Consider consult • If primary AV block Atropine 0.02mg/kg • Consider TCP (very last resort) <hr/> <p>CAUSES 6 H's & 5 T's</p> <p>Hypovolemia Hypoxia Hydrogen ion Hypo/Hyperkalemia Hypoglycemia Hypothermia</p> <p>Toxins Tamponade (cardiac) Tension pneumothorax Thrombosis Trauma</p>



PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT

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General Impression

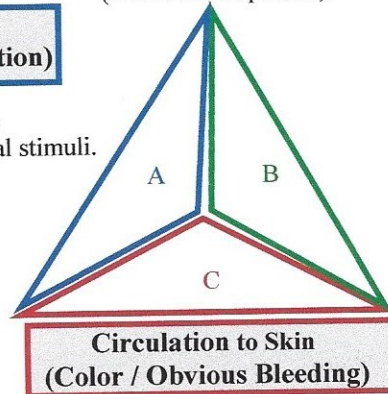
(First view of patient)



Airway & 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.



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.

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.

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.

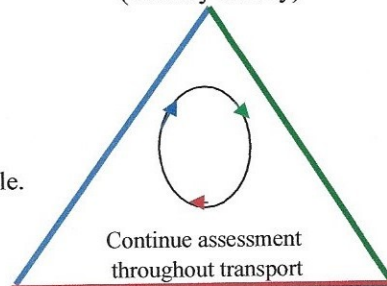
Initial Assessment

(Primary Survey)

Airway & 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.



Continue assessment throughout transport

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 normal. Capillary refill at palms, soles, forehead or central body ≤ 2 sec. Strong peripheral and central pulses with regular rhythm.

Decision/ Action Points:

- Any **abnormal finding** – 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** – Continue assessment, detailed history & treatment at scene or enroute.

Normal Respiratory Rate:	Normal Pulse Rate:	Lower Limit of Normal Systolic BP:
Infant (<1yr): 30- 60	Infant: 100-160	Infant: >60 (or strong pulses)
Toddler (1-3yr): 24 -40	Toddler: 90-150	Toddler: >70 (or strong pulses)
Preschooler(4-5yr): 22- 34	Preschooler: 80-140	Preschooler: >75
School-age(6-12yr): 18 -30	School-age: 70-120	School-age: >80
Adolescent(13-18yr): 12 -20	Adolescent: 60-100	Adolescent: >90
	Pulses 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.

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. O₂ if sat stays < 95%

HR<60 after 30 sec. BVM

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

ALS available & HR <60

Consider intubation
Epinephrine
0.01-0.03mg/kg
IV/IO/ET
1:10,000
q 3-5 min

CPR Notes:

- Start CPR for cardiac arrest or HR<60 with poor perfusion.
- AEDs with pediatric capabilities preferred if patient < 25kg or 55lb (<8 yr old). If unavailable, may use adult AED.
- Do not pause CPR for more than 10 sec. for pulse checks, intubation, patient transfer or other reasons. Give medications during CPR whenever possible.

Pediatric ALS Guidelines

Asystole or PEA

Start CPR
Intubate if needed to maintain airway.

Epinephrine: 0.01 mg/kg 1:10,000 IV/ IO
0.1 mg/kg 1:1000 ET
Continue Epinephrine q 3-5 min, same dose

Bradycardia

Open airway & ventilate with oxygen.
Intubate if needed to maintain airway and decreased consciousness
Start CPR if HR<60 with poor perfusion.
Epinephrine: 0.01 mg/kg 1:10,000 IV/ IO
0.1 mg/kg 1:1000 ET
Continue Epinephrine q 3-5 min, same dose
Atropine 0.02 mg/kg IV/ IO
0.03 mg/kg ET
minimum dose 0.1 mg
maximum dose 0.5 mg child; 1 mg adol.
Consider transcutaneous pacing as needed.

VF or Pulseless VT

Defibrillate 2j / kg (after 2 min CPR)
Continue CPR, ventilate with O₂;
Intubate if needed to maintain airway,
Epinephrine: 0.01 mg/kg 1:10,000 IV/ IO
(q3-5 min) 0.1 mg/kg 1:1000 ET
Defibrillate 4j / kg; Resume CPR immed.
Amiodarone 5mg/kg IV/IO (pref) *or*
Lidocaine 1mg / kg IV/ IO/ ET
Defibrillate 4-10 J/kg q 2 min as needed
(up to adult dose)
Use Magnesium 25-50mg/kg IV/ IO if torsades de pointes or hypomagnesemia

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.

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	4	Confused
Cries to pain	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 20/min	Child 12-20/min	Adol/Adult 12/min
VENT RATE Patient with pulses			
COMPRESS METHOD	Encircle or 2 fingers	1 or 2 hands	2 hands
DEPTH	1/3 (1 1/2 in)	1/3 (2 in)	at least 2 in
COMPRESS RATE(minimum)	100/min	100/min	100/min
C:V RATIO (2 people)	15:2	15:2	30:2
Push HARD & FAST, allow full chest RECOIL!			

- Do not synchronize ventilations/compressions after intubation - ventilate at 8-10/min when no pulses.
- After defibrillation, do 2 full minutes of CPR starting with compressions before pulse/rhythm check.
- Adolescent/Adult protocols apply to patients with obvious signs of puberty (breast development obvious through clothing, facial hair, etc), acne, adult appearance/size, or visible axillary hair

MEDICATIONS FOR PEDIATRIC RESUSCITATION AND ARRHYTHMIAS

Medication	Dose	Remarks
Adenosine	0.1 mg/kg (maximum 6 mg) Repeat: 0.2 mg/kg (maximum 12 mg)	Monitor ECG Rapid IV/IO bolus
Amiodarone	5 mg/kg IV/IO; repeat up to 15 mg/kg Maximum: 300 mg	Monitor ECG and blood pressure Adjust administration rate to urgency (give more slowly when perfusing rhythm present) Use caution when administering with other drugs that prolong QT (consider expert consultation)
Atropine	0.02 mg/kg IV/IO 0.03 mg/kg ET* Repeat once if needed Minimum dose: 0.1 mg Maximum single dose: Child 0.5 mg Adolescent 1 mg	Higher doses may be used with organophosphate poisoning
Calcium chloride (10%)	20 mg/kg IV/IO (0.2 mL/kg)	Slowly Adult dose: 5–10 mL
Epinephrine	0.01 mg/kg (0.1 mL/kg 1:10 000) IV/IO 0.1 mg/kg (0.1 mL/kg 1:1000) ET* Maximum dose: 1 mg IV/IO; 10 mg ET	May repeat q 3–5 min
Glucose	0.5–1 g/kg IV/IO	D ₁₀ W: 5–10 mL/kg D ₂₅ W: 2–4 mL/kg D ₅₀ W: 1–2 mL/kg
Lidocaine	Bolus: 1 mg/kg IV/IO Maximum dose: 100 mg Infusion: 20–50 µg/kg per minute ET*: 2–3 mg	
Magnesium sulfate	25–50 mg/kg IV/IO over 10–20 min; faster in torsades Maximum dose: 2g	
Milrinone	50 to 75 mcg/kg loading dose over 10 to 60 minutes, then .5 to .75 mcg/kg/minute IV/IO	Longer infusion times reduce risk of hypotension.
Naloxone	<5 y or ≤ 20 kg: 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO/ET* ≥ 5 y or >20 kg: 2 mg IV/IO/ET*	Use lower doses to reverse respiratory depression associated with therapeutic opioid use (1–15 µg/kg)
Procainamide	15 mg/kg IV/IO over 30–60 min Adult dose: 20 mg/min IV infusion up to total maximum dose 17 mg/kg	Monitor ECG and blood pressure Use caution when administering with other drugs that prolong QT (consider expert consultation)
Sodium bicarbonate	1 mEq/kg per dose IV/IO slowly	After adequate ventilation

IV indicates intravenous; IO, intraosseous; and ET, via endotracheal tube.

*Flush with 5 mL of normal saline and follow with 5 ventilations.

PALS Systematic Approach Summary

Initial Impression

Your first quick (in a few seconds) "from the doorway" observation

Appearance	Including level of consciousness (eg, unresponsive, irritable, alert and ability to interact)
Breathing	Increased work of breathing, absent or decreased respiratory effort, or abnormal sounds heard without auscultation
Circulation (color)	Abnormal skin color, such as cyanosis, pallor, or mottling
The purpose is to quickly identify a life-threatening problem.	

Is the child unresponsive with no breathing or only gasping?

If YES:

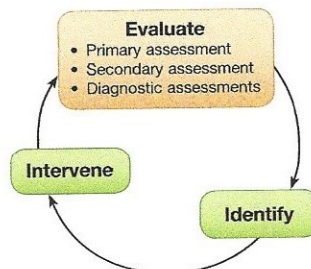
- Shout for help.
- Activate emergency response as appropriate for setting.
- Check for a pulse.
- Begin lifesaving interventions as needed.

If NO:

- Continue the evaluate-identify-intervene sequence.

Use the **evaluate-identify-intervene** sequence when caring for a seriously ill or injured child.

- Evaluate the child to gather information about the child's condition or status.
 - Identify any problem by type and severity.
 - Intervene with appropriate actions to treat the problem.
- Then repeat the sequence; this process is ongoing.



If at any time you identify a life-threatening problem, immediately begin appropriate interventions. Activate emergency response as indicated in your practice setting.

Evaluate

"Evaluate" consists of the primary assessment (ABCDE), secondary assessment, and diagnostic tests.

Primary Assessment

A rapid, hands-on ABCDE approach to evaluate respiratory, cardiac, and neurologic function; this step includes assessment of vital signs and pulse oximetry

Airway

Clear	Maintainable	Not maintainable
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Breathing

Respiratory Rate and Pattern	Respiratory Effort	Chest Expansion and Air Movement	Abnormal Lung and Airway Sounds	Oxygen Saturation by Pulse Oximetry
Normal Irregular Fast Slow Apnea	Normal Increased <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nasal flaring • Retractions • Head bobbing • Seesaw respirations Inadequate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apnea • Weak cry or cough 	Normal Decreased Unequal Prolonged expiration	Stridor Snoring Barking cough Hoarseness Grunting Gurgling Wheezing Crackles Unequal	Normal oxygen saturation ($\geq 94\%$) Hypoxemia ($< 94\%$)

Circulation

Heart Rate and Rhythm	Pulses		Capillary Refill Time	Skin Color and Temperature	Blood Pressure
Normal Fast (tachycardia) Slow (bradycardia)	Central Normal Weak Absent	Peripheral Normal Weak Absent	Normal: ≤ 2 seconds Delayed: > 2 seconds	Pallor Mottling Cyanosis Warm skin Cool skin	Normal Hypotensive

Disability

AVPU Pediatric Response Scale				Pupil Size Reaction to Light		Blood Glucose	
Alert	Responds to Voice	Responds to Pain	Unresponsive	Normal	Abnormal	Normal	Low

Exposure

Temperature			Skin	
Normal	High	Low	Rash (eg, purpura)	Trauma (eg, injury, bleeding)

Secondary Assessment	A focused medical history (SAMPLE) and a focused physical exam
Diagnostic Tests	Laboratory, radiographic, and other advanced tests that help to identify the child's physiologic condition and diagnosis

Identify *Identify the child's problem as respiratory, circulatory, or both. Determine the type and severity of the problem(s). The table below lists common clinical signs that typically correlate with a specific type of problem and its severity.*

Type	Severity
Respiratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper airway obstruction • Lower airway obstruction • Lung tissue disease • Disordered control of breathing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory distress • Respiratory failure
Circulatory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypovolemic shock • Distributive (eg, septic, anaphylactic) shock • Obstructive shock • Cardiogenic shock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensated shock • Hypotensive shock
Cardiac Arrest	

Respiratory

Signs	Type of Problem	Severity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased respiratory rate and effort (eg, retractions, nasal flaring) • Decreased air movement • Stridor (typically inspiratory) • Barking cough • Snoring or gurgling • Hoarseness 	Upper airway obstruction	Respiratory distress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some abnormal signs but no signs of respiratory failure Respiratory failure <i>One or more of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very rapid or inadequate respiratory rate • Significant or inadequate respiratory effort • Low oxygen saturation despite high-flow oxygen • Bradycardia (ominous) • Cyanosis • Decreased level of consciousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased respiratory rate and effort (eg, retractions, nasal flaring) • Decreased air movement • Prolonged expiration • Wheezing 	Lower airway obstruction	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased respiratory rate and effort • Decreased air movement • Grunting • Crackles 	Lung tissue disease	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular respiratory pattern • Inadequate or irregular respiratory depth and effort • Normal or decreased air movement • Signs of upper airway obstruction (see above) 	Disordered control of breathing	

Circulatory

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tachycardia • Weak peripheral pulses • Delayed capillary refill time • Changes in skin color (pallor, mottling, cyanosis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cool skin • Changes in level of consciousness • Decreased urine output 	Signs of poor perfusion
Signs	Type of Problem	Severity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of poor perfusion (see above) 	Hypovolemic shock Obstructive shock	Compensated shock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of poor perfusion and <i>normal</i> blood pressure Hypotensive shock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of poor perfusion and <i>low</i> blood pressure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible signs of poor perfusion (see above) <i>or</i> • Warm, flushed skin with brisk capillary refill (warm shock) • Peripheral pulses may be bounding • Possible crackles • Possible petechial or purpuric rash (septic shock) 	Distributive shock	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of poor perfusion (see above) • Signs of heart failure 	Cardiogenic shock	

Intervene *On the basis of your identification of the problem, intervene with appropriate actions. Your actions will be determined by your scope of practice and local protocol.*