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our Today so that
our Children can have a
Better Tomorrow

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Resuscitation of a Sick Child



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- To recognize the acutely ill children in a Systematic way.
- # How PALS approach is different from traditional approach?
- Pathophysiology of cardiac arrest in children.
- Differentiate between patients who do and do not require immediate intervention.







Anatomical Differences

- Big head (especially occiput)
- Short neck
- Big tongue
- "Floppy" epiglottis
- Adeno-tonsillar hypertrophy 3 8yr
- Narrow airway Flow proportional R⁴



Physiological Differences

- Respiratory Rate
- Heart rate
- Blood Pressure
- Ability to Compensate



Cardiac arrest

Adults

Primary cardiac event \rightarrow sudden onset \rightarrow revival and survival outcome better

Children

Usually secondary to hypoxia and shock → gradual onset

→ revival and outcome poor

Early recognition & timely intervention is the key





Step 1

Initial Impression

Step 2

• Evaluate – Identify - Intervene

Step 3

Primary Assessment

Step 4

Secondary Assessment

Step 5

Diagnostics





Initial Impression

First quick look from the doorway

Pediatric Assessment Triangle





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TIC-LS

- Tone
- Interactiveness
- Consolability
- Look/stare/gaze
- Speech/Cry







- Work of breathing
- Increased / Decreased / Absent breath sounds
- Abnormal Sounds





Evaluation of Work of Breathing

	Normal	Abnormal
Respiratory effort	 Regular breathing Passive expiration 	 Nasal flaring Accessory muscle use Inadequate or absent respiratory effort
Lung and airway sounds	No abnormal sounds	 Noisy breathing (wheeze or grunt or stridor)







- Pallor / Mottling / Cyanosis
- Petechiae or purpura
- Bleeding wounds

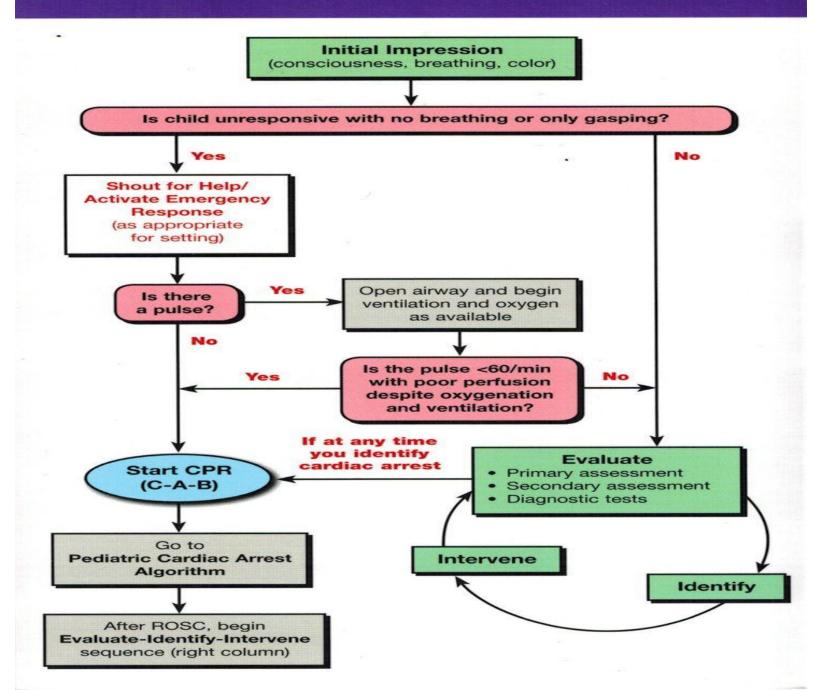




Evaluation of Skin & Mucous Membrane

	Normal	Abnormal
Skin Color	Appears normal	PallorMottlingCyanosis
Petechiae or Purpura or Visible bleeding wounds	Not normal	Obvious significant bleeding.Bleeding within the skin

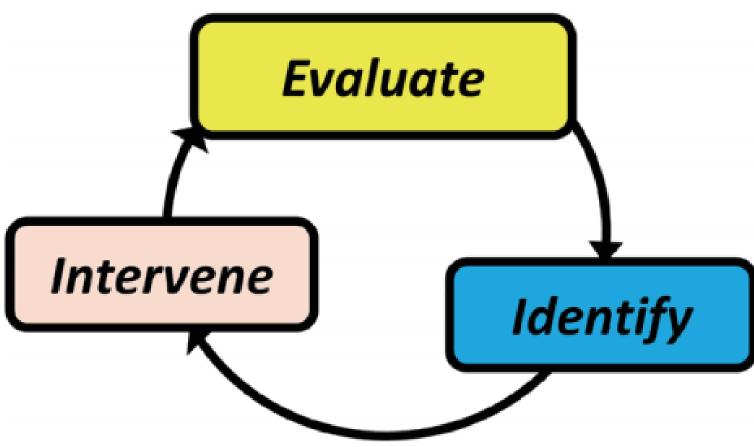
PALS Systematic Approach Algorithm



Evaluate - Identify - Intervene









Evaluate . . .

If no life threatening condition – evaluate the child's condition by using the clinical assessment tools.

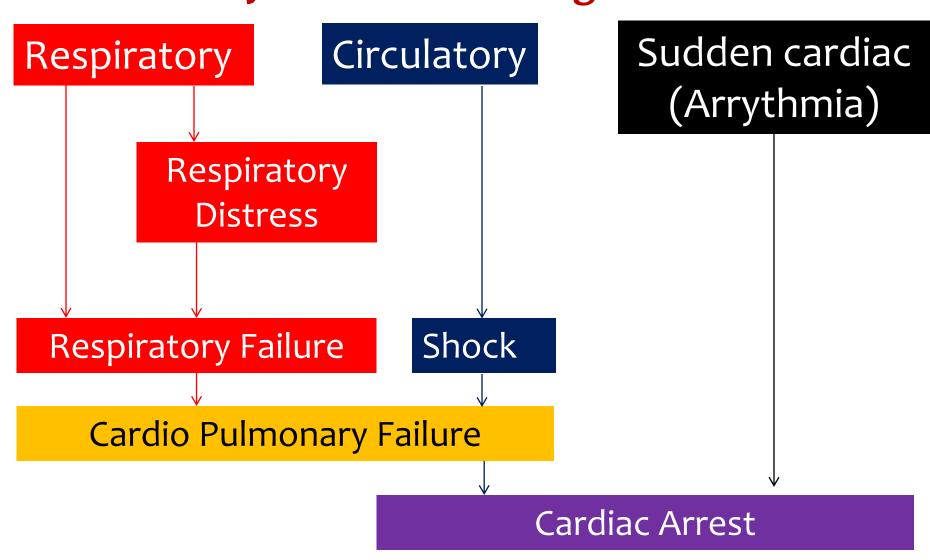
Primary
Assessment
ABCDE approach

Secondary Assessment Diagnostics Assessments

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Identify - Life Threatening Conditions





Type & Severity of Respiratory Problems

	Type	Severity
Respiratory	Upper Airway	 Respiratory distress.
	obstruction.	Respiratory failure.
	Lower Airway	
	obstruction.	
	• Lung tissue disease.	
	Disordered Control	
	of breathing	

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Type & Severity of Cardiac Problems

	Туре	Severity
Circulatory	Hypovolemic shock	 Compensated shock
,	• Distributive shock.	 Uncompensated
	Cardiogenic shock	shock
	• Obstructive shock	

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Intervene . . .

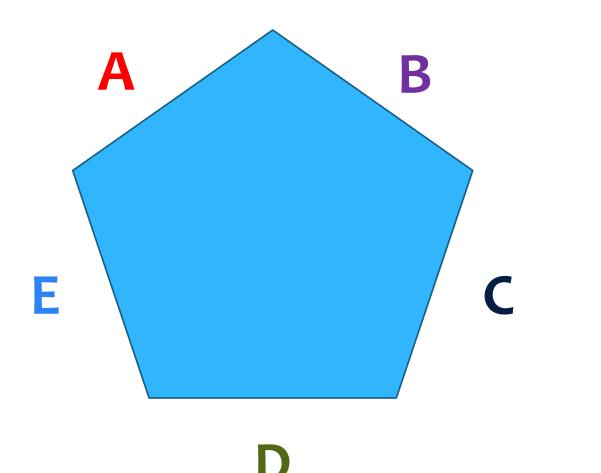
On the basis of identification of child's condition

- Position the child to maintain an open / patent airway.
- Activating Emergency response system
- Starting CPR
- Obtaining the code cart and monitor
- Administering O2
- Supporting ventilation
- Starting medication





Primary Assessment

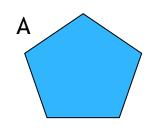


- Airway
- Breathing
- Circulation
- Disability
- Exposure



Airway

Look for the movement of chest or the abdomen



Listen for the air movement and breath sounds

Categorize:

Clear : Open & unobstructed

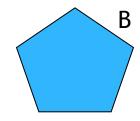
Maintainable : *Maintainable by simple measures*

Non Maintainable : Needs advanced measures

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Breathing



- 1. Respiratory rate
- 2. Respiratory effort
- 3. Chest wall expansion and air movement
- 4. Lung and airway sounds
- 5. Pulse oximetry



Respiratory rate

- * Increased RR than age specific- Tachypnea
- * Tachypnea is the first sign of respiratory distress
- Bradypnea is more ominous than tachypnea
- * A fall in respiratory rate should always be evaluated along with changes in sensorium
- * Beware of RR above 60 or below 10 at any age group



Respiratory efforts

- Nasal Flaring
- * Retractions
 - Mild to moderate subcostal, sub-sternal, intercostal
 - Severe distress supra-sternal, supraclavicular.
 - Retractions associated with
 - * Stridor seen in UAO
 - * Wheeze seen in LAO
 - * Grunting seen in lung tissue disease



Respiratory efforts

- * Sea-saw respirations
 - Often seen in infants with neuromuscular incoordination
- * Chest wall expansion and air movement
- * Lung and airway sounds
 - Stridor / Grunting / Gurgling / Wheeze /Crackles



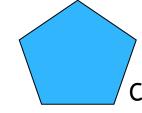
Pulse oximetry

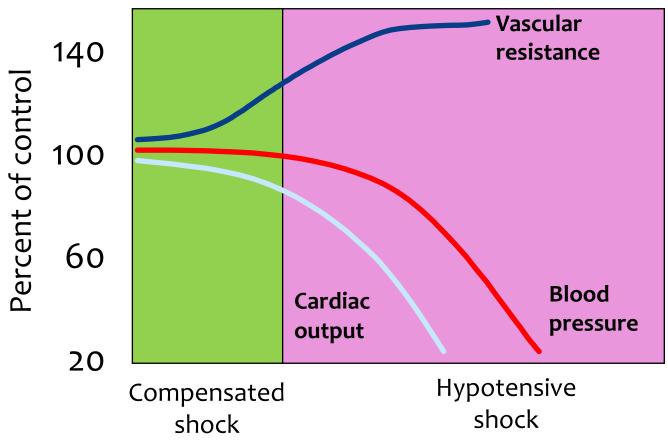
- Detects low O2 saturation before clinically apparent cyanosis/ bradycardia
- * SpO2 > 94% in RA adequate oxygenation





Circulation





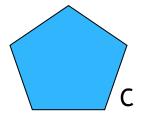
Hemodynamic Response to Shock

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Circulation

1. Heart rate and rhythm



- 2. Peripheral and central pulses
- 3. Capillary refill time
- 4. Skin color and temperature
- 5. Blood pressure

END ORGAN PERFUSION

Sensorium

- Brain perfusion

Urine output

- Renal perfusion

Skin color & CRT

- Peripheral perfusion



Palpation of Central and Distal Pulses







Capillary refill







Blood pressure

Definition of	Hypotension
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Age	Systolic BP (mm Hg)
Term Neonates (0-28 days)	< 60
Infants (1-12 months)	< 70
Children 1-10 yrs	$70 + (age \ x \ 2)$
Children > 10 yrs	< 90

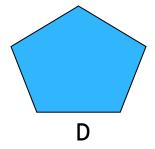
Hypotension with hemorrhage: > 20-25% acute blood loss.



- Capillary refill
- Peripheral central temperature difference skin colour
- Level of consciousness
- Poor or absent peripheral pulses
- Urine output
- Blood pressure



Disability



- * Quick evaluation of neurological function
- * Cortical functions

AVPU response scale / GCS score

Brain stem function

Pupillary equality, size, and response to light



Disability

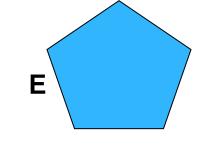
A - Awake

D

- V responds to Verbal stimuli
- P responds to Painful stimuli
- **U U**nresponsive



Exposure



- Undress as appropriate, avoid exposure to cold environment
- * Look for deformities / bruises / bleeds
- * Take care of cervical spine in case of injuries
- Record core temperature and take corrective measures for temperature abnormalities, if detected



Respiratory Dysfunction By Severity

Respiratory Distress

- Tachypnea
- Tachycardia
- Increased respiratory effort
- Abnormal airway sounds
- Pale cool skin
- Changes in mental status

Respiratory Failure

- (Early) Marked tachypnea,
 (Late) Bradypnea, Apnea
- Bradycardia
- Increased/decreased/no respiratory effort
- Cyanosis
- Stupor/coma



Respiratory Dysfunction By Type

- * Upper airway obstruction
- Lower airway obstruction
- Parenchymal lung disease
- Disordered control of breathing



Circulatory Dysfunction By Severity

Compensated

- Tachycardia
- Cool pale diaphoretic skin
- Delayed CRT
- Weak peripheral pulses
- Narrow pulse pressure
- Oliguria

Hypotensive

- BP below 5th centile
- Change in mental status



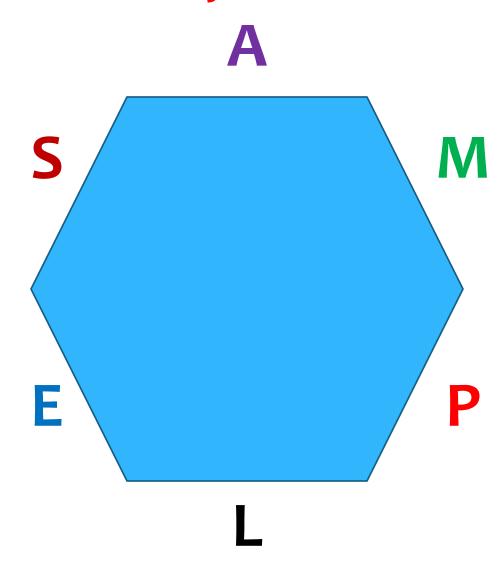
Cardiac Dysfunction By Type

- * Cardiogenic shock
- * Hypovolemic shock
- * Obstructive shock
- * Distributive shock





Secondary Assessment





Signs & Symptoms

Allergies

Medications

Past Medical History

Last Meal

Events





Diagnostic Assessments to assess Respiratory & Circulatory problems

ABG

VBG

CBG

Hemoglobin

Lactate

Central Venous
Pressure
Monitoring

Invasive Arterial
Pressure
Monitoring

Chest Xray

ECG

Echocardiogram

PEFR

Central Venous
O2 saturation

Take Home Message





To Summarize...

- * Approach E I I approach
- * Evaluation -

Initial Impression A-B-C

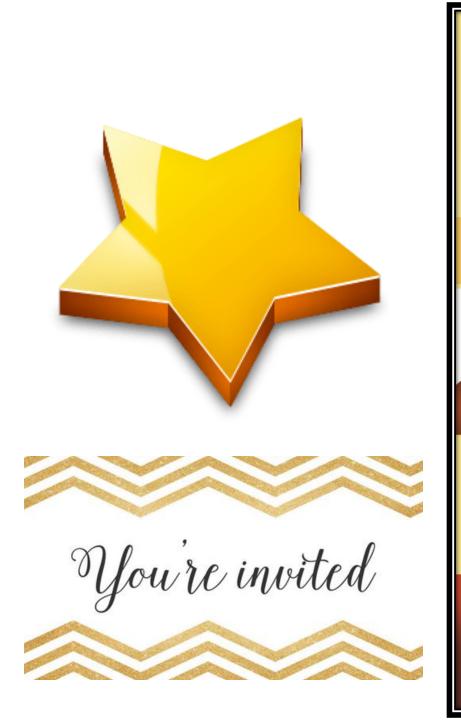
Primary Assessment A-B-C-D-E

Secondary Assessment S-A-M-P-L-E

At any point → life-threatening problem → life saving interventions

Evaluate and manage first, diagnose later







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