



Universal Patient Care

Assessment

Pediatric Pearls:

- Use pediatric dosing of medications or electrical therapy for a pediatric patient < 37 kg and as defined by the PEDIA Tape.
- If the patient does not fit on the tape, then they are considered to be an adult.
- Use the PEDIA Tape for ALL pediatric patients to estimate weight.

Signs & Symptoms:

- Location
- Onset
- Precipitating Event(s)
- Quality
- Radiation
- Severity
- Time/Duration
- Aggravating/Alleviating
- Associated Symptoms
- Prior history of same/similar

Differential:

- Vascular
- Infectious/Inflammatory
- Trauma/Toxins
- Autoimmune
- Metabolic
- Idiopathic
- Neoplastic
- Congenital

Clinical Management Options

P	P	P	P	P	P
L	L	L	L	L	L
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- Demonstrate professionalism and courtesy; Scene/Crew Safety/PPE; with [appropriate equipment and medications to the patient side](#)
 - Use close looped communication and crew resource management with all on scene providers
 - Perform an initial assessment and physical exam
 - Obtain vital signs: BP, pulse rate, respiratory rate, and body temperature
 - Obtain [blood glucose](#) level as appropriate
 - Orthostatic vital signs if appropriate for patient condition
 - [Oxygen](#) as needed to maintain SpO₂ 92 – 96% or as indicated by signs of hypoxia
 - Perform [medication cross check](#) for all medication administrations
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- Place and monitor [EtCO₂](#) as indicated
 - [12 lead ECG acquisition](#) and 4 lead ECG placement
 - [Rapid 12 lead acquisition](#) if patient meets criteria and transmit 12-lead as soon as possible
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- [IV / IO](#) access as appropriate for patient condition
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- Monitor and interpret ECG
 - Use [ultrasound](#) for specific conditions as indicated, available, and trained
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- Patients may be referred to a [BLS](#) transporting agency in accordance with the [Transport Decision Process](#).

Consult Online Medical Control As Needed

Pearls:

- Refer to drug formulary charts for all medication dosing for both adults and pediatric patients.
- Minimum exam for all patients includes vital signs, mental status including GCS, location of injury or complaint, and pain scale.
- Maintain all appropriate medications and procedures that have been initiated at the referral agency or institution.