

# ASYSTOLE

Asystole represents the total absence of electrical activity in the heart. There is no rhythm, although an occasional P wave may be seen.

## Field Treatment - BLS

PEDIATRIC PRIMARY SURVEY: Provide family psychosocial support if CPR is not indicated.

CPR: Continue as appropriate

VENTILATE: Via Bag-Valve Mask, 100% O<sub>2</sub>

AED: Apply ASAP

## Field Treatment - ALS

AIRWAY: Intubation not necessary if airway patent and adequate ventilations with BVM. Ventilate with 100% oxygen.

IV ACCESS: Intraosseous lines are the preferred method for rapid vascular access in cardiac arrest patients.

EPINEPHRINE: 1:10,000 (standard dose therapy) 0.01 mg/kg ◆ 0.1 ml/kg. Maximum dose ◆ 1 mg or 10 ml IO, IV.

## Base Physician Order:

DECLARATION OF DEATH: If patient remains in asystole for five (5) minutes after adequate ventilation and initial medications, if no reversible causes are identified.