

# Pediatric Cardiac Arrest

**Designation of Condition:** The patient becomes unconscious, unresponsive, has apneic/agonal respirations, is pulseless, and the monitor displays asystole, PEA, ventricular fibrillation, or ventricular tachycardia in the EMS crew's presence.  
**DDX:** Respiratory failure: Foreign body, secretions, infection (croup, epiglottitis), congenital heart disease, trauma, tension PTX, hypothermia, toxin/ingestion

