

Pediatrics part I **Cardiac Arrest**

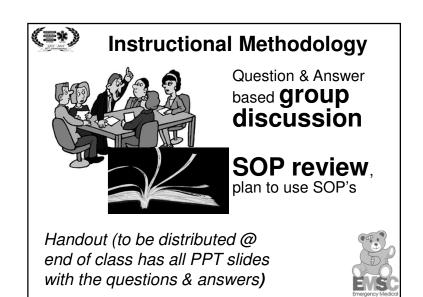
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• CE is 1st portion of 2 part module · Intent - cover didactic content this month, will focus on psychomotor objectives (pediatric pit-crew team resuscitation) next month Important: Expectation content reviewed this month

will be remembered & utilized next month

Educational Plan





already been discussed.

Instructional Methodology

Discussion..... not reading slides



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They are included as they are in the handout.





Objectives

Upon successful completion of the CE module the participant will have reviewed, discussed, and planned management of a **pediatric pt in cardiac arrest** including:

unique situations (traumatic arrest, FBAO),

initial assessment, airway management,

circulatory support, vascular access,

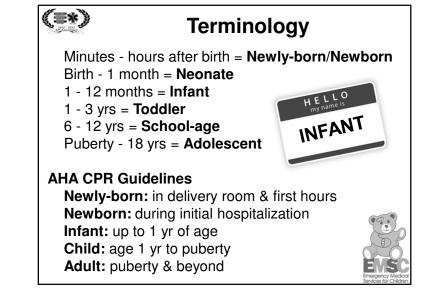
medication administration,

defibrillation, ROSC, TOR,

NWC EMSS specific QI findings

death notification, and







Introduction

Dispatch:

"Amb, Eng, respond to a 5 year-old, not breathing, we are instructing mother on CPR"

- -What is your first thought?
- -How are you feeling?
- -What will you do?



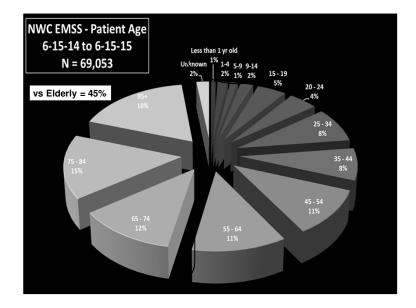


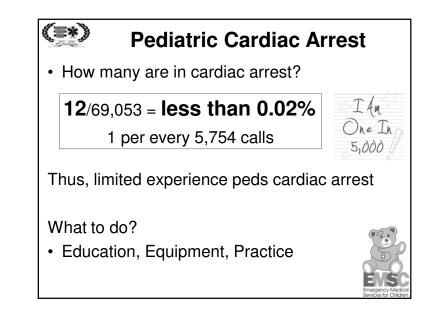
What % of calls are pediatric?



6%









Survival

- · Survival increased over past 20 years
 - Adult in-hospital arrest
 - Adult out-of-hospital arrest
 - Pediatric in-hospital arrest
- No change in survival past 20 years
 - -Pediatric out-of-hospital arrest



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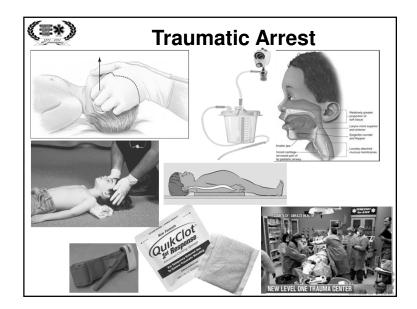
Traumatic Arrest

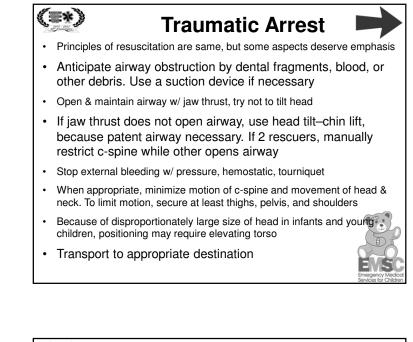
In children > 1 year, traumatic injury is the leading cause of death

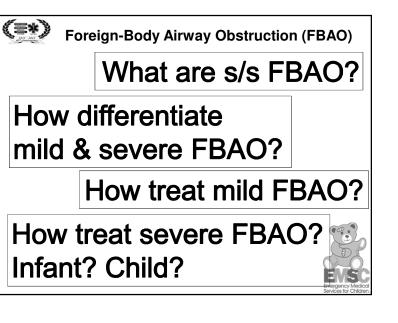
Should peds traumatic arrest be managed differently than cardiac arrest?

- Traumatic arrest is an indication for rapid transport vs scene resuscitation
- Scene Time Goal: less than 10 minutes





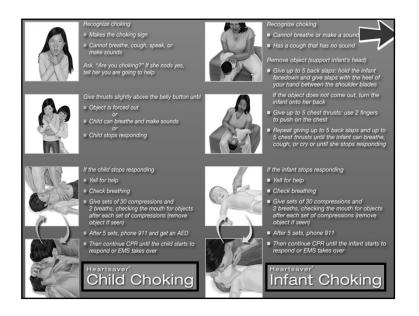


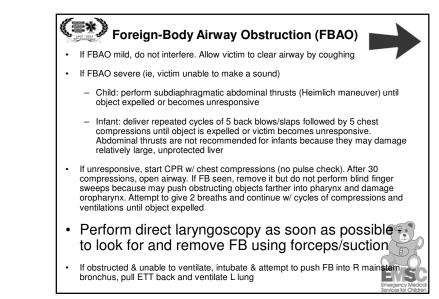




>90% of childhood deaths from FB aspiration in children <5 yrs; 65% infants.
 Liquids most common cause choking in infants; balloons, sm. objects, foods (eg, hot dogs, round candies, nuts, grapes) most common causes of FBAO in children

- Signs include sudden onset of respiratory distress w/ coughing, gagging, stridor, or wheezing
- Sudden onset of respiratory distress in absence of fever or other resp symptoms (eg, antecedent cough, congestion) suggests FBAO rather than infectious cause
- May cause mild or severe airway obstruction. When airway obstruction is mild, child can cough and make some sounds.
- When airway obstruction is severe, victim cannot cough or make any sound









Etiology Peds Arrest

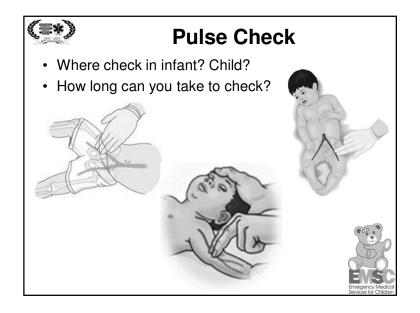
Often result of progressive resp failure (called asphyxial arrest) or shock

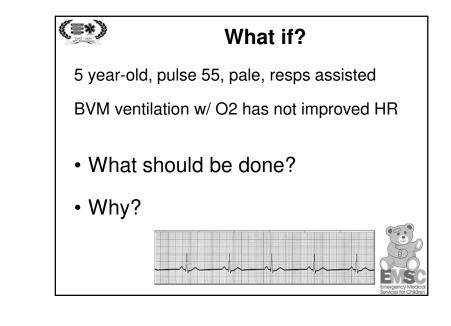


Asphyxia begins w/ variable period of systemic

- -hypoxia
- -hypercapnea (个EtCO2) and acidosis
- -progresses to bradycardia
- -and hypotension
- -and culminates w/ cardiac arrest









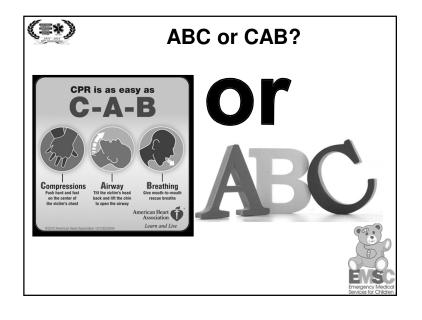
If pulse <60 per w/ poor perfusion (ie, pallor, mottling, cyanosis) despite oxygenation & ventilation - begin chest compressions

Because cardiac output in infancy/childhood largely depends on HR, profound bradycardia w/ poor perfusion is indication for chest compressions because cardiac arrest is imminent - and <u>beginning CPR prior to full</u> cardiac arrest results in improved survival



Pulse Check

- If unresponsive and not breathing (gasps do not count as breathing), HCP may take up to 10 sec to feel for a pulse
- Infant = brachial, Child = carotid/femoral
- If, within 10 sec, don't feel pulse or are not sure, begin chest compressions
- Can be difficult to feel a pulse, esp in the heat of an emergency, and studies show HCP are unable to reliably detect a pulse





Chest Compressions

Immediately begin chest compressions while second rescuer prepares to start ventilation w/ BVM



"It is, however, unknown whether it makes a difference if the sequence begins with ventilations (ABC) or with chest compressions (CAB). Starting CPR with 30 compressions followed by 2 ventilations should theoretically delay ventilations by only about 18 seconds for the lone rescuer and by an even a shorter interval for 2 rescuers. The CAB sequence for infants and children is recommended in order to simplify training with the hope that more victims of sudden cardiac arrest will receive bystander CPR. It offers the advantage of consistency in teaching rescuers, whether their patients are infants, children, or adults."



ABC vs CAB



- Cardiac arrest due to respiratory arrest is more common (than VF arrest) in infants & children
- HCP can tailor sequence of actions to most likely cause of arrest
- For example, arrest witnessed & sudden (eg, collapse of child identified at high risk for arrhythmia or during athletic event), HCP may assume victim suffered VF arrest and as soon as rescuer verifies child is unresponsive and not breathing (or gasping) rescuer should immediately begin CPR and use AED



What are the 5 components of quality CPR?



Quality CPR



- 1. Rate correct
- 2. Depth correct
- 3. Release completely
- 4. Avoid interruptions
- 5. No hyperventilation



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Quality CPR

- What rate?
- How deep? Infants? Children?
- What is meant by release completely?
- · What are reasons to interrupt compressions?



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Chest Compressions

- Push fast: rate of at least 100 compressions/min
- Push hard: sufficient to depress at least 1/3 anteriorposterior (AP) diameter of chest or
 - ~1½ inches in infants and 2 inches in children - Inadequate depth common even by HCP
- Allow complete chest recoil after each compression to allow heart to refill with blood
- Minimize interruptions of chest compressions
- Avoid excessive ventilation
- Deliver chest compressions on a firm surface



Chest Compression Interruption

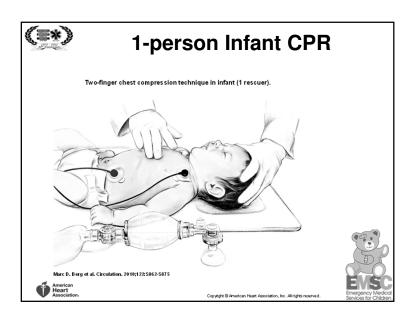
Compressions should only be interrupted for

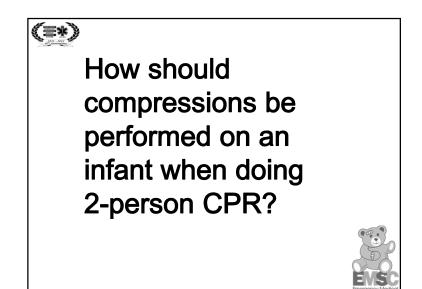
- Ventilation
- Rhythm check
- Shock delivery

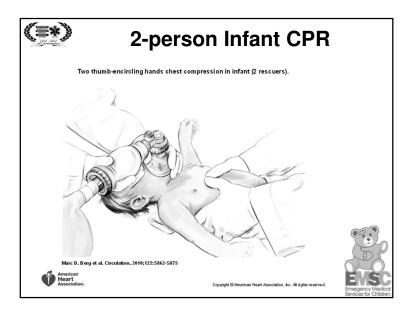


When should 2-finger technique be used for compressions in infant?







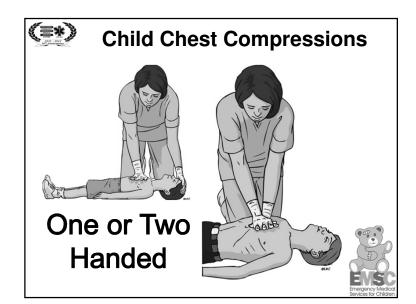


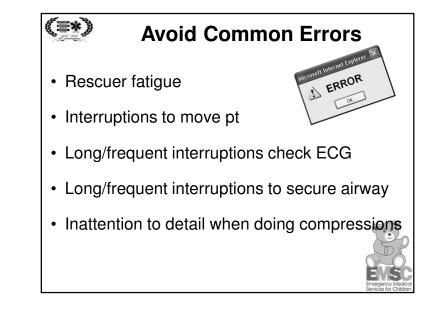
Chest Compressions - Infants

- Encircle chest w/ both hands; spread fingers around thorax, place thumbs together over lower third sternum
- Forcefully compress sternum w/ thumbs
- 2-thumb–encircling hands technique recommended when CPR provided by 2 rescuers
 - Preferred because produces higher coronary artery perfusion pressure, results more consistently in appropriate depth/force of compression and generates higher systolic & diastolic pressures
- If cannot physically encircle chest, compress chest w/2 fingers
- · Lone HCP should use 2-finger compression technique.



How should chest compressions be performed on a child?

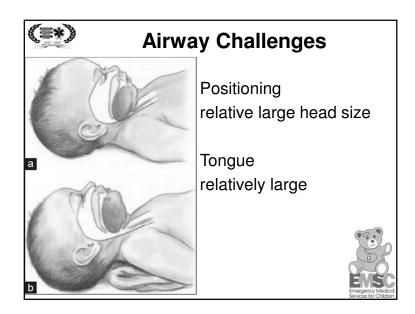


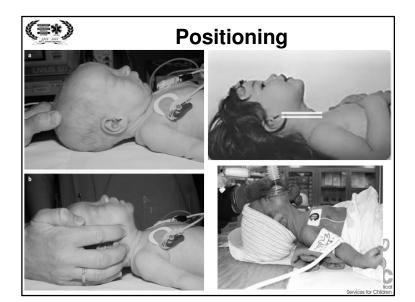


What are challenges with pediatric airway management?

What is important to remember?





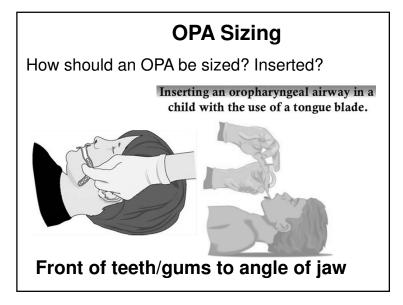


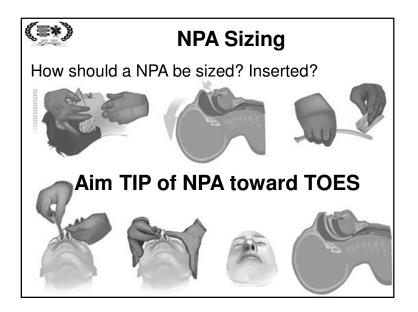
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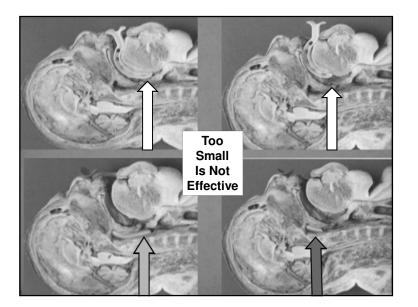
Airway

- Oral (OPA) & nasal (NPA) airways help open the airway by displacing tongue
 - Correct size important
- OPA: unresponsive & no gag reflex.
 Too small may push tongue farther into airway
- NPA: (+) gag reflex
 - Too short may not open airway
 - NPA may require frequent suctioning











Bag-Mask Ventilation

Requires education in <u>opening airway</u>, selecting correct <u>mask size</u>, making tight <u>face-mask seal</u>, <u>delivering effective</u> ventilation, and <u>assessing</u> effectiveness of ventilation

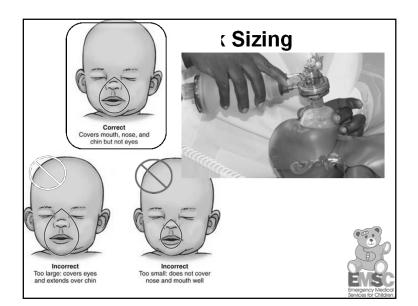


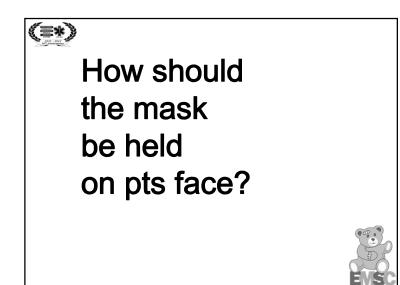
Because effective bag-mask ventilation requires complex steps, it is NOT recommended for a lone rescuer CPR

How should the mask on BVM device be sized for an infant/child?





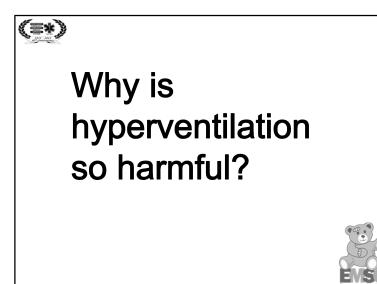


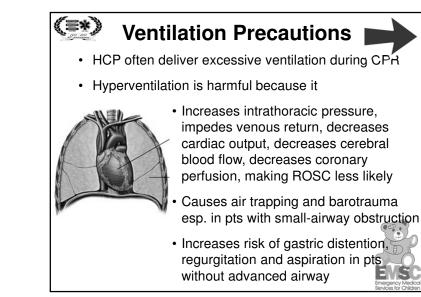












How can hyperventilation be avoided?



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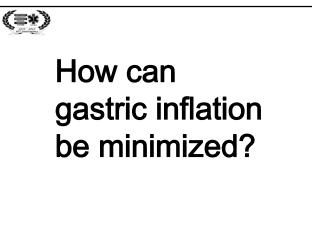


• Avoid excessive

ventilation; use only force & volume necessary <u>to</u> just make chest rise

Give breath over ~1 sec, watch for chest rise

If chest does not rise, reopen airway, add airway device, verify tight seal between mask & face and reattempt ventilation





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Gastric Inflation

Interferes w/ effective ventilation, cause regurgitation, aspiration of stomach contents, and further ventilatory compromise

Risk can be decreased by:

- Avoid excessive peak inspiratory pressures by ventilating slowly (over ~1 sec) & giving only enough volume to just achieve visible chest rise
- Apply cricoid pressure to reduce air entry into stomach. Avoid excessive pressure to not obstruct trachea





2-Person Bag-Mask Ventilation

- May provide more effective ventilation than single-person technique
- May be required to provide effective ventilation when significant airway obstruction, poor lung compliance, or difficulty creating tight face-mask seal



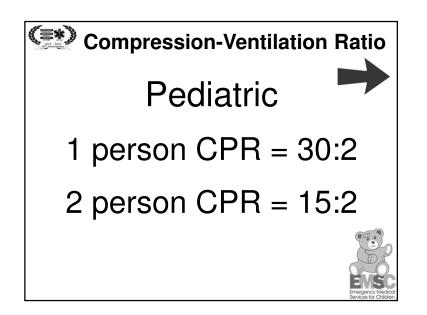
- One rescuer uses both hands to open airway and maintain tight face-mask seal while other compresses ventilation bag
- · Both rescuers observe chest rise
- Be careful to avoid delivering too high volume that may contribute to excessive ventilation





What are the pediatric compression:ventilation ratios?





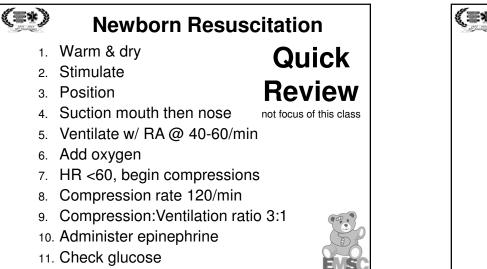
Compressions & Ventilations

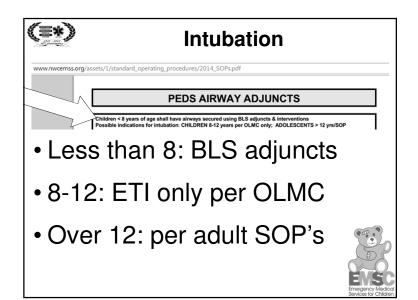
No advanced airway

Deliver ventilations w/ minimal interruption in chest compressions

Advanced airway present

- · Cycles of compressions & ventilations not delivered
- Perform 100 compressions/min continuously without pauses for ventilation
- Ventilation rescuer delivers 8-10 breaths min (every 6-8 sec) being careful to avoid hyperventilation in stressful environment of pediatric arrest







improves

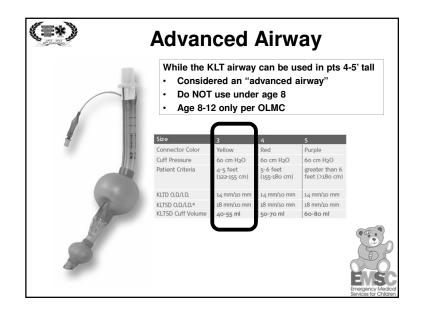
No evidence ETI

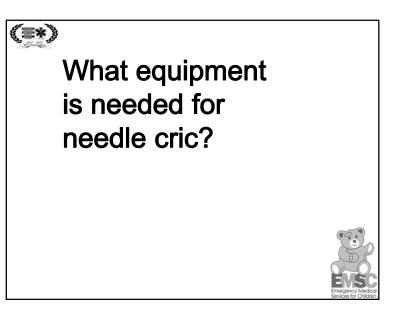
Should pediatric pts in cardiac arrest be intubated?

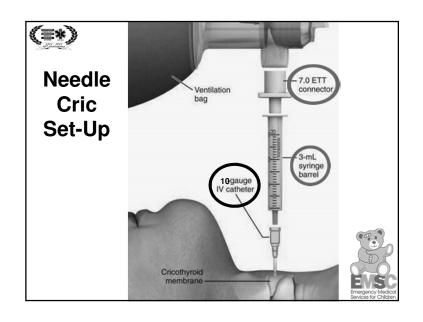
Why?

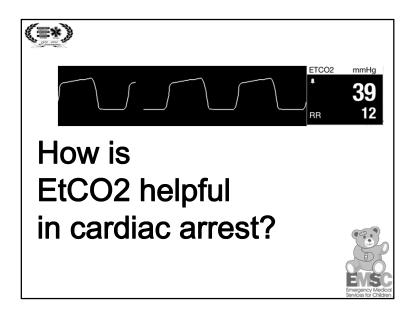
Effect of Out-of-Hospital Pediatric Endotracheal Intubation on Survival and Neurological Outcome A Controlled Clinical Trial

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outcomes in peds pts;	Marianne Gausche, MD	Context Endotracheal intubation (ETI) is widely used for airway management of chil-	
may worsen outcome	Roger J. Lewis, MD, PhD	dren in the out-of-hospital setting, despite a lack of controlled trials demonstrating a	
may worsen outcome	Samuel J. Stratton, MD, MPH	positive effect on survival or neurological outcome.	
	Bruce E. Haynes, MD	Objective To compare the survival and neurological outcomes of pediatric patients treated with bag-valve-mask ventilation (BVM) with those of patients treated with	
	Carol S. Gunter, BSN, MPA	BVM followed by ETI.	
Airway & O2 esp. critical	Suzanne M. Goodrich, RN, MSN	Design Controlled clinical trial, in which patients were assigned to interventions by calendar day from March 15, 1994, through January 1, 1997.	
for pediatric pts	Pamela D. Poore, RN	Calendar day from March 15, 1994, through January 1, 1997. Setting Two large, urban, rapid-transport emergency medical services (EMS) systems.	
ioi peulatric pis	Maureen D. McCollough, MD, MPH	Participants A total of 830 consecutive patients aged 12 years or younger or esti-	
	Deborah P. Henderson, PhD, RN	mated to weigh less than 40 kg who required airway management; 820 were avail-	
	Franklin D. Pratt, MD	able for follow-up.	
What are pts not getting	James S. Seidel, MD, PhD	Interventions Patients were assigned to receive either BVM (odd days; n = 410) or BVM followed by ETI (even days; n = 420).	
during ETI attempts?	LTHOUGH BAG-VALVE-MASK ventilation (BVM) and endo-	Main Outcome Measures Survival to hospital discharge and neurological status at discharge from an acute care hospital compared by treatment group.	
5	tracheal intubation (ETI) are both widely used in the out- of-hospital setting in caring for criti-	Results There was no significant difference in survival between the BVM group (123/ 404 [30%]) and the ETI group (110/416 [26%]) (odds ratio [OR], 0.82; 95% confi- dence interval [CI]. 0.61-1.11) or in the rate of achieving a good neurological out-	
Initial practice doing	cally ill or injured children, there has been no controlled study comparing the	come (BV/M, 92/404 [23%] vr ETI, 85/416 [20%]) (OP, 0.87, 95% CI, 0.62-1.22)	
peds ETI rare; With	outcomes of pediatric or adult pa-	Conclusion These results indicate that the addition of out-of-hospital ETI to a para- medic scope of practice that already includes BVM did not improve survival or neu-	
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	combination esophageal-tracheal tube)	ing on the patient's presenting illness or of patients treated with BVM and ETI have	
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	For editorial comment see p 797.	the out-of-hospital setting: ^{1,40} One study reported an overall complication rate of 22,6%, using succiny/choline to facilitat Norma Prazie, MD.	











EtCO2

- · Helps evaluate quality of chest compressions
 - Minor adjustment of hand position or depth of compression may improve stroke volume
 - If low, focus on improving chest compressions & assure no hyperventilation
- May decrease 1-2 min after epi because of decreased pulmonary blood flow
- Abrupt/sustained rise observed just prior to ROSC



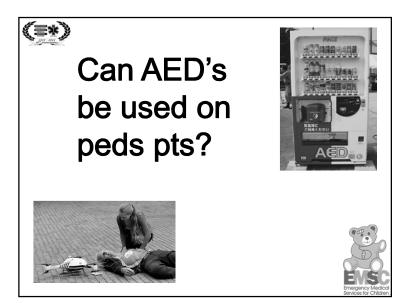
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Pediatric VF / pVT

- Ventricular fibrillation (VF) / pulseless ventricular tach (pVT) initial rhythm ~5-15%
- Occurs ~27% at some point during resusc
- Incidence VF/ pVT rises w/ age
- Sudden unexpected peds death can be associated w/ genetic abnormalities in myocyte ion channels







Defibrillation

- · Some AED's equipped to decrease (attenuate) energy to make them suitable for infants/children <8 yrs
- AED w/ ped attenuator preferred for child <8 yrs

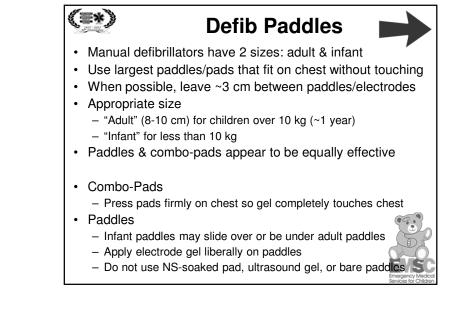


- · Infants manual defib preferred
- If manual defib not available, AED w/ ped attenuator preferred
- If neither (manual defib or AED w/ attenuator) available, AED without a dose attenuator may be used
- AEDs that deliver relatively high energy have been successfully used in infants w/ minimal myocardial damage & good neuro outcomes

When should peds (vs adult) defibrillation paddles/pads be used?

Does your agency have peds pads or paddles?



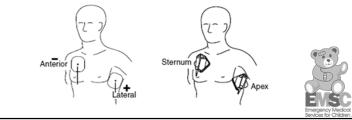


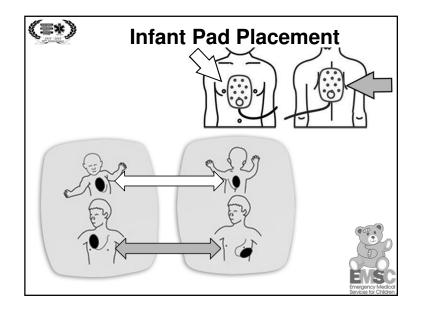
Stand & place your hands on your chest in the position defib electrodes should be placed

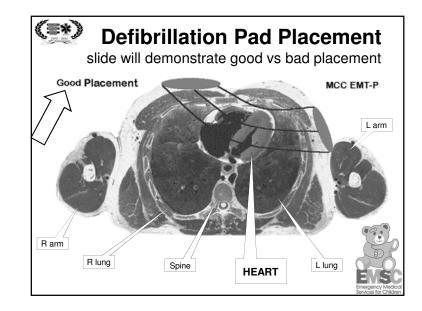


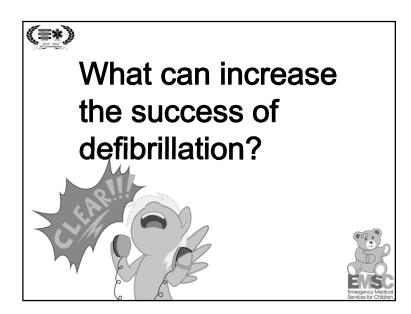
Defib Paddle/Pad Placement

- Place paddles/pads
 - -over R side of upper chest
 - -apex of heart, to L of nipple over lower ribs
- Apply firm pressure when using paddles
- No advantage of anterior-posterior position









Defibrillation

- More likely to be successful after period of effective chest compressions
- Most effective when minimum time between the last compression & shock delivery
 - CPR
 - Check rhythm = VF
 - Resume CPR & charge defib
 - Hold CPR
 - Shock
 - Resume CPR x 2 minutes (no rhythm or pulse check until after 2 minutes of chest compressions)

Note: The AHA does $\underline{\text{NOT}}$ recommend pre-charging defibrillator to check ECG & defib during the same pause in chest compressions.



What is the energy for peds defib?

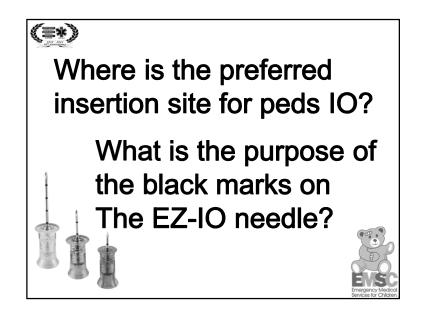
Initial? Subsequent?



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Defib Energy

- Initial 2 J/kg (round up if needed)
- Repeat 4 J/kg (round up if needed)
- Children w/ VF, an initial biphasic 2 J/kg effective in terminating VF 48% of the time
- Doses 4 J/kg (up to 9 J/kg) have effectively defib children w/ negligible adverse effects
- Higher levels may be considered (by OLMC), not to exceed 10 J/kg or adult max dose



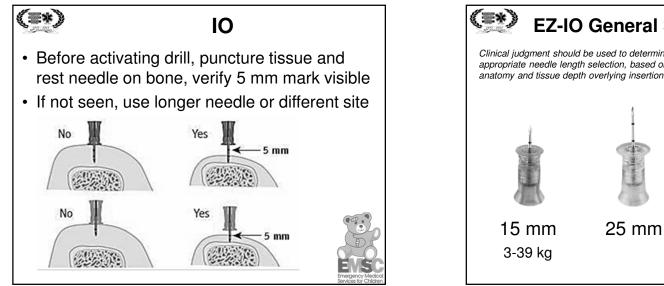
EZ-IO – Peds Considerations

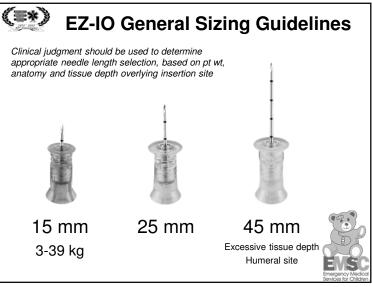
Proximal Tibia Site

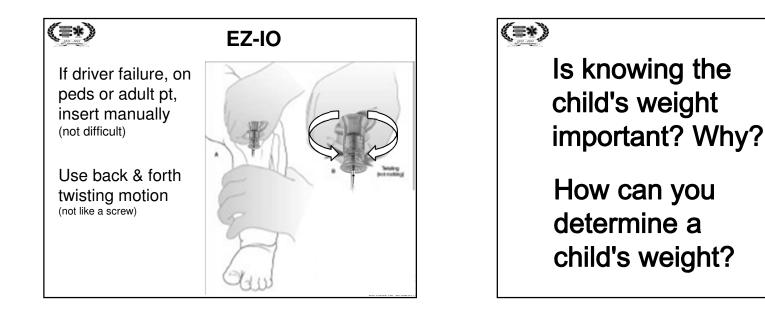
- Extend leg
- Insertion site ~1cm medial to tibial tuberosity (just below patella [~1cm/1 finger-width]) and slightly medial (~1cm/1 finger-width) along flat aspect of tibia
- · Pinch tibia between fingers to identify medial & lateral borders

Remember

- · Stabilize extremity
- Aim needle at 90-degree angle to center of bone
- · Push needle through skin until tip rests on bone
- 5 mm mark must be visible above skin for confirmation of adequate needle length
- Gently drill, immediately release trigger when feel "pop" or "give"
 as needle enters medullary space
- Avoid recoil do NOT pull back on driver









Age ≠ Weight

Equipment & med doses often based on weight

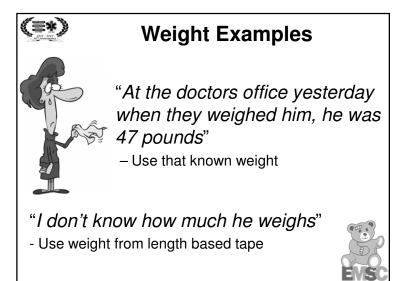
Solutions

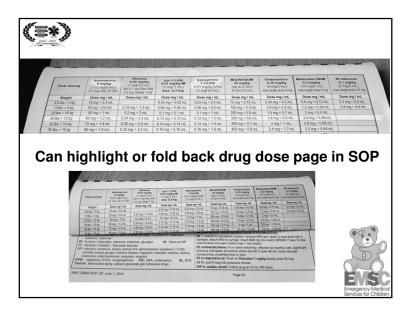
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- Length-based weight tape
- Parental information
- Scale (not often used in EMS)
- $2 \times age + 8 = kg \text{ weight}$



Med Dose Calculation Use weight if known If unknown, use body length tape Obese children: Unknown if dose adjustment needed. Use of actual/obese weight may result in toxic doses Length-based tapes estimate 50th percentile weight for length (ie, ideal body weight) may result in inadequate doses of meds in obese pts. There is no data regarding safety or efficacy of adjusting doses of meds in obese pts. Therefore use actual body weight for calculating initial drug dose or use a body length tape For subsequent doses, expert providers (OLMC) may consider adjusting dose to achieve desired effect Dose given should not exceed adult dose





What is 1st drug given to all pulseless arrests after oxygen?





Epinephrine

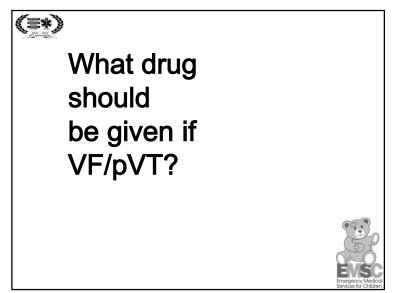
- 1st drug given during CPR
- Dose
 - -0.01 mg/kg
 - -0.1 mL/kg (1:10 000 solution)
 - -max 1 mg (10 mL) per dose
- Repeat same dose every 3-5 minutes
- Prepare dose before needed, so it can be administered on-time



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AMIODARONE HCI INJECTION

150 mg/3 mL 50 mg/mL Rr ONLY.



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Amiodarone

- Given if rhythm is VF or pVT
- Dose 5 mg/kg IV/IO
- Max single dose 300 mg

Contact OLMC for additional doses AHA: 5 mg/kg IV/IO; may repeat twice up to 15 mg/kg



What should be done to promote IO drug delivery into central circulation?



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Intraosseous (IO) Access

- · Rapid, safe, effective route; useful as initial vascular access in cases of cardiac arrest
- All IV meds can be given IO
- Onset of action and drug levels are comparable to IV admin
- Follow each med w/ NS flush to promote entry into central circulation

(=*) **Search for Treatable Causes** Hypoxia Trauma Hypovolemia Toxins Hypoglycemia Tension pneumo

· Hypothermia

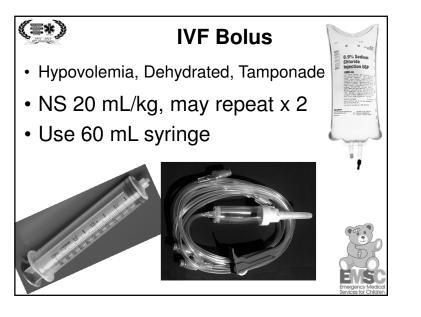
- Tamponade cardiac
- Hydrogen ion (acidosis) Thrombosis
- Hypo/hyperkalemia





What is the IVF bolus amount for peds pts?

How should that be delivered?





- What is dose of epi 1:10,000 (mg & mL)?
 0.28 mg = 2.8 mL
- What is the 1st & subsequent defib energy? - 56J, 112J
- What is dose of amiodarone (mg & mL)?
 140 mg = 2.8 mL
- What is the 10% dextrose dose (dose & mL)?
 14 g = 140 mL
- What is the initial IVF bolus amount? - 560 mL





Glucose

Because infants have high glucose requirement & low glycogen stores, may develop hypoglycemia when energy requirements rise

> Check bG during resuscitation & treat hypoglycemia promptly



Practice: 6-mo old (13 lbs/6kg)

- What is dose of epi 1:10,000 (mg & mL)?
 0.06 mg = 0.6 mL
- What is the 1st & subsequent defib energy?
 12J, 24J
- What is dose of amiodarone (mg & mL)?
 30 mg = 0.6 mL
- What is the 10% dextrose dose (dose & mL)?
 -3 g = 30 mL
- What is the initial IVF bolus amount? – 120 mL



Practice: 2 yr-old (26 lbs/12kg)

- What is dose of epi 1:10,000 (mg & mL)?
 0.12 mg = 1.2 mL
- What is the 1st & subsequent defib energy?
 24J, 48J
- What is dose of amiodarone (mg & mL)?
 60 mg = 1.2 mL
- What is the 10% dextrose dose (dose & mL)?
 -6 g = 60 mL

CORRECTED SLIDE

• What is the initial IVF bolus amount?

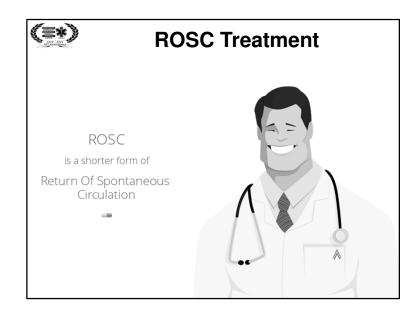
– 240 mL



Practice: Newborn (6.5lbs/3 kg)

- What is dose of epi 1:10,000 (mg & mL)?
 0.03 mg = 0.3 mL
- What is the 1st & subsequent defib energy?
 6J, 12J
- What is dose of amiodarone (mg & mL)?
 15 mg = 0.3 mL
- What is the 10% dextrose dose (dose & mL)?
 -1.5 g = 15 mL
- What is the initial IVF bolus amount? – 60 mL





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ROSC Treatment

- Assess oxygenation, check pulse ox
- Assess ventilation, check EtCO2
 - Do NOT hyperventilate to decrease EtCO2
- Monitor HR & ECG closely
- Check BP frequently
 - -Treat hypotension
 - IVF run IV while preparing dopamine
 - Dopamine
- OLMC ? therapeutic hypothermia

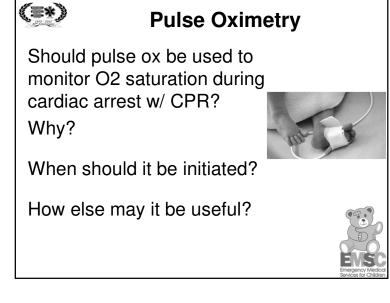
ROSC Assisted Ventilation

- 1 breath every 3-5 seconds (12-20 min)
- The higher rate for younger child







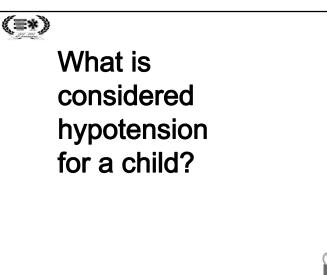


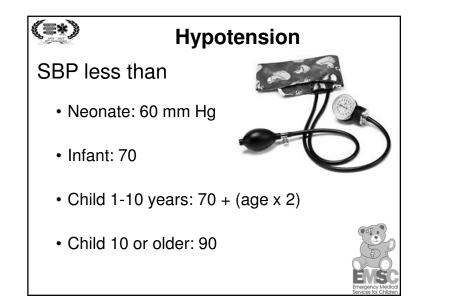


Pulse Oximetry

- During cardiac arrest, pulse oximetry does NOT provide a reliable signal because pulsatile blood flow is inadequate in peripheral tissue beds
- Presence of plethysmograph waveform is potentially valuable in detecting ROSC (or loss of pulse)
- Pulse oximetry is useful to ensure appropriate oxygenation after ROSC



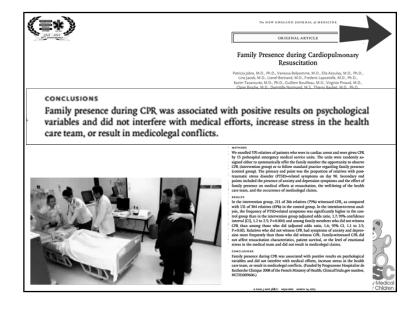




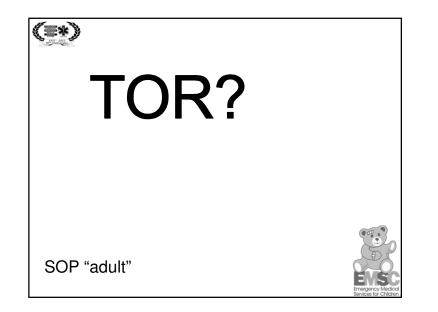


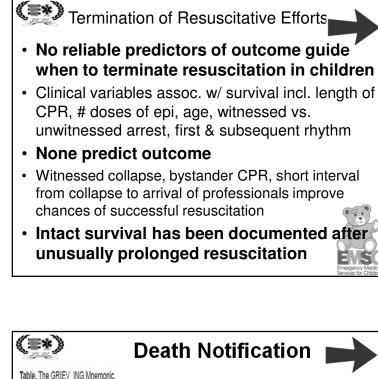
Should parents be allowed to watch child's resuscitation?

Why?



Z.	Family Presence During Resuscitation		
•	Family presence during CPR is increasingly common, and most would like to be correct opportunity to be present during resuscitation of child		
•	Studies show family members present at a resuscitation would recommend it to other		
•	Parents of chronically ill child comfortable w/ equipment & emergency procedures		
•	Even family members with no medical background who were at the side of a loved or to say goodbye during the final moments of life believe their presence was beneficial to patient, comforting for them, and helpful in adjustment and grieving process		
•	Standardized psych examinations suggest, compared w/ those not present, family members present during attempted resuscitations have less anxiety & depression and more constructive grieving behavior		
•	Family members often fail to ask, but HCP should offer opportunity in most situations		
•	Whenever possible, provide family members w/ option of being present during resuscitation of child		
•	Studies show family presence during resuscitation, is not disruptive, and does not create stress among staff or negatively affect their performance		
•	If presence of family members creates undue staff stress or is considered detrimental to resuscitation, then family members should be respectfully asked to leave		
•	Members of resuscitation team must be sensitive to presence of family members, and one person should be assigned to remain with family to comfort, answer questions, and support family		





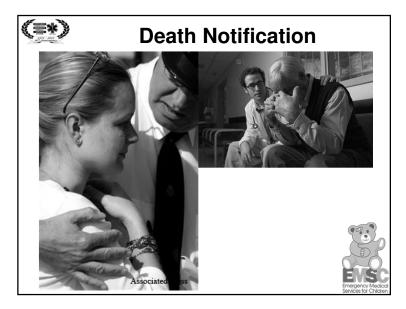


Table. The GRIEV ING Mnemonic.

- G Gather; gather the family; ensure that all members are present.
- R Resources; call for support resources available to assist the family with their grief, i.e., chaplain services, ministers, family and friends.
- Identify; identify yourself, identify the deceased or injured patient by name, and identify the state of knowledge of the family relative to the events of the day.
- E Educate; briefly educate the family as to the events that have occurred in the emergency department, educate them about the current state of their loved one
- V Verify; verify that their family member has died. Be clear! Use the words "dead" or "died."
- Space; give the family personal space and time for an emotional moment; allow the family time to absorb the information.
- Inquire; ask if there are any questions, and answer them all.
- N Nuts and bolts; inquire about organ donation, funeral services, and personal belongings. Offer the family opportunity to view the body.
- G Give; give them your card and access information. Offer to answer any questions that may arise later. Always return their ca



Death Notification - Basic Principles

 One of most difficult tasks faced by professionals, because learning of a loved one's death is often the most traumatic event in a person's life.
 Something most people remember vividly for the rest of their life.

"In Person"

- Make notification in person not by phone
- · Provides survivor with human presence during difficult time
- · Can help if survivor has severe reaction

"In Time"

- Provide notice ASAP, but be absolutely sure of positive ID; mistaken death notifications have caused enormous trauma
- Before notice quickly gather info, next of kin, circumstances of death, health considerations of survivors

"In Pairs"

- Try to have 2 people; support one another before and after notification
- · May experience severe emotional or physical reactions
- Plan notification; decide who speaks and what is said



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Death Notification

"With Compassion"

- Presence & compassion important resources you bring
- Accept survivor's & your own emotions
- · Better to tear up, than appear cold & unfeeling
- Do not try to "talk survivors out of grief" or offer false hope
- Do not impose your own religious beliefs
- Survivors report *not* helpful statements: "It was God's will," "He led a full life," "I understand what you're going through"
- Take time to provide information, support, direction
- Help begin mourning & grieving process by providing immediate direction in dealing with the death
- Offer to call friend/family member to come & support
- Offer chance to view deceased's body; explain condition



"In Plain Language"

Identify yourself

- Try to get survivor seated in privacy of home
- Be sure speaking to right person
- Relate message directly and in plain language
- Begin by saying, "I have some very bad news" or a similar statement, gives survivor moment to prepare for the shock

Death Notification

- Avoid vague language like "John was lost" or "passed away"
- Presence of crew has alerted them of a problem
- Inform of death, speaking slowly and carefully giving appropriate details
- Call victim by name, not "the body"
- Calmly answer any questions
- If you don't know answer to a question, don't be afraid to say so
- Offer to help survivor get more information

There are few consoling words survivors find helpful, but it is appropriate to say, "I am sorry for your loss"



not always bad news



NWC EMSS QI

ePCR's reviewed for 12 pediatric arrests

- Document ECG & EtCO2 every 2 min
- HR 60-54, RR 6 agonal, O2 sat 54%, no BP; CPR not started until asystole
 - Begin CPR w/ bradycardia & hypoperfusion despite O2, don't wait for asystole
- P 28, R 2 agonal, no IO, no epi
 - CPR, IO & epinephrine more important than 2 unsuccessful ETI attempts
- IVF bolus (20 mL/kg) can repeat x 2



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NWC EMSS QI

- IO not attempted on 4 kg pt b/c PM thought pt too small for IO
 - EZ-IO pink 15 mm needle FDA approved for weight 3-39 kg
- IO & epi more important than failed ETI (another call)
- Hit by car, alert initially, no VS taken, 17 min after EMS pt contact arrested
 - Get VS on seriously ill/injured child, may help predict impending arrest, VS are higher priority than traction splint which was applied
- Good work checked bG, found hypoglycemia



NWC EMSS QI

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