

Patient Assessment

Initial Patient Assessment

- General impression of patient
- Major bleeding control
- Airway
- Breathing
- Circulation
- Wrist or neck pulse

Patient Information

- Chief complaint
- Age and weight

Level of Consciousness

- Alert and oriented
- Verbal (responds to voice)
- Pain (responds to painful stimuli)
- Unresponsive

Breathing

- Normal
- Difficult/labored breathing
- Not breathing? – **Start rescue breathing.**

Pulse

- Present
- Absent – **Start CPR** (page 111)

Skin Color

- Normal
- Pale
- Bluish
- Flushed/red

Skin Moisture

- Normal
- Dry
- Moist/clammy
- Profuse sweating

Skin Temperature

- Normal/warm
- Hot
- Cool
- Cold

Pupils

- Equal or unequal?
- Reactive to light
- Fixed or slow response
- Dilated or constricted

Make a transport decision.