

# Pediatric Assessment

Applies to:	
E	EMT
P	Paramedic

**Clinical Indications:**

1. Any child that can be measured with the Peditape.

**Pediatric Assessment Triangle:**

Assessment		Abnormal
Appearance	Assess: Tone, Interactivity, Consolability, Look/Gaze and Speech/Cry	Any abnormality
Work of Breathing	Assess effort	Increased or decreased effort or abnormal sounds
Circulation	Assess skin color	Abnormal skin color or external bleeding

**Primary Assessment:**

Assessment		Signs of Life-Threatening Condition
Airway	Assess patency	Complete or severe airway obstruction
Breathing	Assess respiratory rate and effort, air movement, airway, breath sounds and pulse oximetry	Apnea, slow respiratory rate, very fast respiratory rate or significant work of breathing
Circulation	Assess heart rate, pulses, capillary refill, skin color and temperature and blood pressure	Unexplained tachycardia, bradycardia, absence of detectable pulses, poor blood flow (increased capillary refill time, pallor, mottling or cyanosis) or hypotension
Disability	Assess AVPU response, pupil size and reaction to light and blood glucose	Decreased response or abnormal motor function (posturing) to pain or unresponsiveness
Exposure	Assess skin for rash or trauma	Hypothermia, rash (petechiae/purpura) consistent with septic shock, significant bleeding or abdominal distention



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## Pediatric GCS:

Pediatric GCS	Infant	Score	Child	Score
Motor Response	Spontaneous movements	6	Obeys commands	6
	Withdraws to touch	5	Localizes	5
	Withdraws to pain	4	Withdraws	4
	Flexion	3	Flexion	3
	Extension	2	Extension	2
Verbal Response	No response	1	No response	1
	Coos and babbles	5	Oriented	5
	Irritable cry	4	Confused	4
	Cries to pain	3	Inappropriate	3
	Moans to pain	2	Incomprehensible	2
Eye Response	No response	1	No response	1
	Opens spontaneously	4	Opens spontaneously	4
	Opens to speech	3	Opens to speech	3
	Opens to pain	2	Opens to pain	2
	No response	1	No response	1



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