

## PEDIATRIC CARDIAC PC-07

## PULSELESS ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY

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History and Physical:	
Historical Findings	Physical Findings
<ul> <li>Medical etiology</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Unconscious</li><li>Pulseless</li><li>Agonal respirations/apnea</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>EKG Findings: pulseless rhythm, not V-fib, not V-tach, not asystole</li> </ul>

## **Assessment:**

Cardiac Assessment

Clinical Management Options:	
Interventions	Pharmacology
<ul> <li>Continuous CPR</li> <li>BVM ventilation with high flow O<sub>2</sub></li> <li>Maintain airway with OPA</li> <li>Intubate</li> <li>Vascular Access</li> <li>Fluid Bolus prior to epinephrine</li> <li>Chest decompression if pneumothorax is present</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Epinephrine 0.01 mg/kg (0.1 ml/kg 1:10,000) IV/IO</li> <li>May repeat x 1</li> <li>Emphasis on early administration</li> <li>Naloxone 0. 1 mg/kg IV/IO/IN</li> <li>For suspected opiate overdose</li> <li>Max single dose of 2 mg</li> <li>Repeat q 2-3 minutes</li> <li>Sodium bicarbonate 1 mEq/kg IV/IO</li> <li>For suspected toxin/hyperkalemia</li> </ul>

## **Considerations:**

- 5 initial breaths if drowning in nature
- Consider all other treatable causes
  - o Hypoxia ventilation
  - o Hypothermia warming
  - o Hyperkalemia calcium gluconate and sodium bicarbonate
  - o Acidosis ventilation and sodium bicarbonate
  - o Massive MI heart cath
  - o Hypovolemia/hypotension fluid placement
  - o Pulmonary embolism surgery
  - o Drug overdose Naloxone
  - o Tension pneumothorax chest decompression