PALS Systematic Approach Algorithm

**Initial assessment** (appearance, work of breathing, circulation [color])

Is child unresponsive or is immediate intervention needed?

- No

- Yes
  - Shout for nearby help.
  - Activate emergency response system (as appropriate for setting).

Is child breathing with a pulse?

- No normal breathing, pulse not felt

- Yes
  - No normal breathing, pulse felt
    - Maintain patent airway.
    - Provide rescue breathing.
    - Administer oxygen.
    - Monitor pulse and oximetry.

Is pulse <60/min with poor perfusion despite oxygenation and ventilation?

- No

- Yes
  - If at any time you identify cardiac arrest

Start CPR (C-A-B).

Go to BLS Pediatric Cardiac Arrest Algorithm.

- If ROSC, go to Post–Cardiac Arrest Care checklist.
- Begin evaluate-identify-intervene sequence.

Evaluate

- Initial assessment
- Primary assessment
- Secondary assessment

Intervene

Identify

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