

Advanced Pediatric Assessment

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Objectives

- Discuss how pediatric anatomy and physiology influences illness presentation and progression
- Review methods to assess pediatric patient status and accurately determine severity of illness/injury
- Discuss systemic approach to care for pediatric patients



Those pesky kids . . .

Why does MY heart rate go up when a sick kid comes in?

- 20-25% of community ED admissions are for children < 18 years of age
- Of these, only 4.5% result in hospital admission

When their sick, they're really sick!!

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Take the pressure off!!





KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON



Pediatric Wisdom 101

- Take YOUR TIME and TESTS to diagnose
- Basic treatments save lives
- Key to success = Prevent hypovolemia and hypoxemia
 - Full set of Vital Signs
 - Place 02
 - Place IV

Suction



Pediatric Wisdom 101: Hate the 60's













Pediatric Wisdom 101: Hate the 60's

- Heart Rate **60** = bradycardia
- Respiratory Rate 60 = tachypnea
- Systolic Blood Pressure 60 = hypotension/uncompensated shock
- BGL 60 = borderline
 40-60 hypoglycemic



Adult vs. Pediatric Crash







Infants/Children

Pediatric Wisdom 101

- Children's Hospital RULE The younger the patient, the more naked they need to be for your assessment
- Infants, children = High RPMs
- When things <u>slow down</u>, trouble is imminent
- Impeding Death associated with <u>sudden drop</u> in RR, HR, BP
- <u>Decrease</u> in mentation can be ominous





Pediatric Wisdom 101

 Minute-to-minute trends are important – including blood pressure!!

PEDIATRICS[®]

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

Enhanced monitoring improves pediatric transport outcomes: a randomized controlled trial.

RESULTS:

Patients in the intervention group **received more intravenous fluid** (19.8 \pm 22.2 vs 9.9 \pm 9.9 mL/kg; P = .01), had a **shorter hospital stay** (6.8 \pm 7.8 vs 10.9 \pm 13.4 days; P = .04), and had **less organ dysfunction** (18 of 206 vs 32 of 202 PICU days; P = .03)

Stroud MH, Prodhan P, Moss M et al. Enhanced monitoring improves pediatric outcomes: a randomized controlled trial. Pediatrics 2011. 127(1):42-8.

Review Anatomical Differences: Kids are not little adults!



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Review: Anatomical Differences

Body Proportions

 Greater body surface area to total body weight





PEM Considerations:

 Prone to hypothermia and dehydration





Review: Physiological Differences

Physiology

- Higher metabolic rate (need more energy and oxygen)
- Higher fluid requirements (newborn = 70-80% water)

PEM Considerations

- Prone to hypoxia, hypoglycemia
- Prone to dehydration (v/d)



Review: Physiological Differences

<u>Physiology</u>

 Good vasculature and heart = great compensation ability

PEM Considerations

• Hypotension late sign!



The Challenge: Rapid Assessment of a Child





Pediatrics: Best Management

1. Rapid Initial, then Ongoing, Assessment

Pediatric Assessment Triangle

2. Systematic, Head-to-Toe Approach Treatment/Management



Pediatric Assessment Triangle: General Impression/Determine Urgency



Work of Breathing

Circulation to Skin

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics, Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals Source: American Academy of Pediatrics, Pediatric Advanced Life Support Children's Hospital Colorado

 How sick/injured is this child?
 What is the most likely <u>physiologic</u> abnormality?
 What is the **urgency** for treatment?



- Appearance (Neuro Status)
 - Decreased/Altered Mentation in peds = CRITICAL FINDING until proven otherwise
 Bodies shut down systematically
 - Rapid Assessment: Awake, alert, eyes open, focus/track, verbalizing, crying/consolable?, reactive to assessment/interventions.





TICLS Mnemonic

- TONE Floppy/Flaccid/Limp = CRITICAL FINDING
- INTERACTIVENESS
- CONSOLABILITY
- LOOK/GAZE Lights on? Anybody home?
- SPEECH/CRY quality (high pitched?)





Floppy Baby



Good Flexion/Tone





Hypotonic Baby





Good Flexion/Tone





Floppy Baby





Good Flexion/Tone





- Breathing
 - <u>Rapid Assessment</u>: Audible wheeze or stridor, tripod positioning, inability to manage secretions, grunting, nasal flaring, retractions
 - Respiratory arrest frequently precedes cardiac arrest in infants and children

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Survival Following Respiratory Arrest vs Cardiopulmonary Arrest in Children



Respiratory distress will progress to failure!





- Circulation
 - <u>Rapid Assessment</u>: Skin Findings (capillary refill, temperature, color, mottling), mucous membranes, pulses, HR, mental status





Best Practice – Pediatric Style

Systematic (Head to Toe) Approach

- 1. Airway (C-spine immobilization)
- 2. Breathing
- 3. Circulation
- 4. Disability (Da Brain) &

Dextrose

5. Expose &

Environmental Control





Systematic Approach – Airway challenges

<u>Respiratory</u>

PEM Considerations

- Significant soft tissue
- CNS depression
 increases UAO
- Large, friable tonsils
 "built-in" UAO





Systematic Approach – Airway Challenges

Anatomy

- Large tongue
- Short, narrow trachea





Considerations

- Obstruction risk, difficult to displace
- Extremes of flexion/extension or aggressive cricoid causes UAO



Systematic Approach – Airway Challenges

<u>Anatomy</u>

Considerations

• Small diameter of airways

 Small swelling = BIG obstruction!





Systematic Approach – Airway Challenges

<u>Physiology</u>

 Infants are obligate nose breathers **Consideration**

• Distress comes quickly with congestion



Kids have big heads!




Systematic Approach

Airway Management

Towel roll/neutral spine/good airway position



Big head, little body



Systematic Approach

Airway Management

- Suction
 - Rigid tip/Yankauer
 - Deep Nasal Suction (flexible catheter)
 - Bulb Syringe



Deep Nasal Sxn Option

- "Mushroom Tip" suction
- Allows non-invasive suction of nasopharynx
- No measuring required
- No vagal nerve stim





Nasal suction LIFESAVER



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Systematic Approach – Breathing Physiology

Physiology

 Children have smaller residual lung capacity, but HIGHER oxygen consumption

Considerations

- Become hypoxic more quickly
- RR may be first sign of distress





VS



Systematic Approach – Breathing Physiology

- Immature chest wall musculature
 - Fatigue easily
 - Greater reliance on diaphragm
- Slowing of RR, visible effort may be signs of respiratory failure, not improvement!





Airway/Breathing Red Flags

<u>Respiratory Distress &</u> <u>Failure:</u>

- Audible wheeze
- Stridor
- Tripoding
- Nasal Flaring
- Hypoxia
- Decreased respiratory rate (impending death)

More Pronounced in Pediatrics:

- Retractions
- Head-bobbing
- Anxious/difficult to console
- Dehydration





Systematic Approach

Breathing Management

- Kids are pink until they are dead!!!
 - High flow oxygen via NRHFM
- Apnea? Inadequate effort? Assist ventilations with BMV
 - Airway Adjuncts: OPA/NPA



Know, and LOVE, your pediatric equipment



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Systematic Approach – Circulatory Assessment

Direct Assessment:

- Capillary refill
 - Room-temperature dependent
- Pulses
- Blood pressure

Indirect Assessment:

- Mental Status
 - Parents may be first to notice!
- Skin Exam
- Evaluate other end organs later (ie UOP)



Systematic Approach – Circulatory Assessment

• Know (or have access to!) pediatric norms

| Age (yr) | Respiratory Rate (breaths/min) | Heart Rate (beats/ min) |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <1 | 30-60 | 100-160 |
| 1-2 | 24-40 | 90-150 |
| 2-5 | 22-34 | 80-140 |
| 6-12 | 18-30 | 70-120 |
| >12 | 12-16 | 60-100 |



Systematic Approach – Circulatory Assessment

Definition of Hypotension by Systolic BP

| Age | Systolic BP |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Term Neonate (0-28 days) | <60 |
| Infants (1-12 months) | <70 |
| Children (1-10 years) | <70 + (age in years x 2) |
| Children > 10 years | <90 |



Systematic Approach

Circulation Management

- EKG monitor (minute to minute trends)
- IV access
 - Consider NS bolus (10-20cc/kg)
- Compensated vs uncompensated shock . . .
 Still a clinical diagnosis, even in pediatrics!



Pediatric Compensated Shock

- Increased heart rate and SVR
- Poor systemic perfusion with delayed capillary refill and faint/nonpalpable distal pulses
- Normotensive



Pediatric Uncompensated Shock

- Weak central pulses
- Altered mental status
- Hypotension (means ≥ 25% volume loss!)

TIME MATTERS!!



Critical Care Medicine

Clinical practice parameters for hemodynamic support of pediatric and neonatal septic shock: 2007 update from the American College of Critical Care Medicine.

Brierley J, Carcillo JA, Choong K, et al. 2009 Feb;37(2):666-88.

- Compared to adults, children in septic shock require:
 - 1. Proportionally more fluid
 - 2. Early inotrope and vasodilator therapy (EVEN if that means through a PIV rather than a central line!)
 - 3. Hydrocortisone for absolute adrenal insufficiency
 - **4**. ECMO for refractory shock

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Critical Care Medicine

- "Recommend age-specific therapies to attain timesensitive goals
 - . First-hour fluid resuscitation and inotrope therapy directed to goals of threshhold heart rates, normal blood pressure, and cap refill \leq 2 seconds
 - Subsequent intensive care unit hemodynamic support directed to goals of central venous oxygen saturation >70% and cardiac index 3.3-6.0 L/min/m."





Does it work?

- Centers reporting use of 2002 guidelines reported best practice outcomes
- Early implementation of 2002 guidelines improved outcomes in community hospital EDs (NNT 3.3)
- Every hour that went by without adherence to guidelines was associated with a 1.4 fold increased risk of mortality



What about traumatic pediatric shock?

- Hemorrhage control
- Early IV access and crystalloid infusion
 - After 40ml/kg, consider 10ml/kg PRBC
 - If presenting in decompensated shock, simultaneously infuse crystalloid and PRBCs

Remember:

- Traumatic force is widely distributed in a child = more organs affected
- 2. Will maintain normal BP despite up to 30% of acute blood loss!



Peds Trauma = Under-Resuscitated

Pediatric Critical Care Medicine

First responder performance in pediatric trauma: A comparison with an adult cohort

"Intravenous access was successfully established in **85.9% of adults compared to 65.7%** in children at the scene (p = .001). Consequently, on arrival at the trauma center, more children required intravenous access, 80.4% compared with 63.6% for adults (p = .011). As a result, more children (25.5%) required initial or additional fluid bolus at the trauma center compared with adults (9.1%, p = .003)."



Bankole S, Asuncion A, Ross S et al. Pediatr Crit Care Med 2011. 12(4):e166-e170

Bottom Line:

- RECOGNIZE signs of pediatric shock
- Initiate fluid resuscitation quickly
- Think about inotrope therapy early in septic shock, regardless of access
- Think about PRBCs in traumatic shock refractive to 40ml/kg crystalloid
- Consider early transport decisions based upon resources



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- Head trauma accounts for up to 80% of pediatric trauma deaths each year!
- Eyes are the window to the soul...and the brain!



- AVPU Response (awake/alert, verbal, pain, unresponsive)

 universally accepted
- Glasgow Coma Score

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- GCS validated for trauma only
- More accurate predictor of outcome for children than adults!



Modified GCS for infants

Eye opening response

- 4. Spontaneous
- 3. To verbal stimuli
- 2. To painful stimuli
- 1. None

Verbal response

- 5. Coos and/or babbles
- 4. Irritable and continuous crying
- 3. Cries to painful stimuli
- 2. Moans to painful stimuli
- 1. None

Motor response

- 6. Spontaneous purposeful movements
- 5. Withdraws to touch
- 4. Withdraws to painful stimuli
- 3. Abnormal flexion (decorticate rigidity)
- 2. Abnormal extension (decerebrate rigidity)
- 1. None

Signs of Infant ↑ ICP

- Full fontanel
- Split sutures
- Paradoxical irritability
- Sun-setting eyes
- Persistent emesis
- AMS





 Check blood sugar...susceptible to hypoglycemia with illness, fatigue

•The younger the child, the more easily glycogen stores are depleted





Systematic Approach

Disability Management

- Immediate measures for signs of increased ICP
 - Head midline and elevated 30°
 - Maintain normotension
 - Do not excessively hyperventilate (EtCO2 35mmHg goal)
 - Consider Mannitol 0.25gm/kg 1gm/kg
- Treat hypoglycemia
 - For kids, remember the Rule of 50

50 = D50 x 1ml/kg 50 = D25 x 2ml/kg 50 = D10 x 5ml/kg 50 = D5 x 10ml/kg



Systematic Approach: Management Bottom Line

- Hypotension and Hypoxemia increase morbidity and mortality in traumatic brain injury*
 - Oxygenate/ventilate and Perfuse!

*Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury: Epidemiology, Pathophysiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment. *Pediatric Emergency Medicine Reports.* **Sept 1, 2010**

*Early Resuscitation of Children with Moderate to Severe Traumatic Brain Injury. Pediatrics **2009**:124:56-64. American Academy of Pediatrics.

*2007 Guidelines for Management of Severe Traumatic Brain Injury; Joint Project of Brain Trauma Foundation and American College of Neurological Surgeons, Congress of Neurological Surgeons, AANS/CNS Joint Section on Neurotrauma and Critical Care.

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Systematic Approach: Expose

- Rule of thumb...the younger the patient, the more naked they should be for your assessment (then cover 'em up!)
- Surgical scars, rash, s/s abuse
- Check posterior, unusual places...in mouth, under diapers
- PROLONGED cold stress has physiological consequences (worsens acidosis, increases metabolic demand)

Some add "F" to the ABCDEs – always consider the Family



In Summary

- Pediatric Assessment Triangle, and Systematic Approach – It's all about the basics!
 - Get 'em naked!
- Early Recognition of impending decompensation is the key
- Understanding pediatric anatomy/physiology and intervening will improve outcomes
- Avoid Hypotension and Hypoxia at all times
- Don't be afraid to ask us!!!

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•Questions?


Thank you!

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911 Activation

- ALS unit arrives to ED after called to home for a 6 year old with respiratory distress
- EMS reports that child has h/o asthma, recent URI with cough and multiple hospitalizations for asthma
- Given albuterol x 2, 2mg/kg solumedrol and 20ml/kg NS bolus en route
- Of note, home was filled with cigarette smoke and in disarray per transporting team





Pediatric Assessment Triangle

- **Appearance** = Alert, speaking in 2-3 word sentences
- **Breathing** = +IC/SC retractions, tugging at notch, significant abdominal breathing and audible wheeze
- **Circulation** = Face pink, cap refill 2-3 seconds
- **Disability** = Dstick 70, AVPU alert
- **Exposure** = No rashes to trunk, extremities





ED Immediate Interventions

- Airway clear
- Breathing Albuterol/atrovent nebulizer with oxygen, pulse oximetry placed
- Circulation second bolus started
- Disability dextrose to be added with maintenance fluids
- Exposure Warm blankets





ED Primary Survey

T 101.5 P 130 BP 90/45 R 40 pO2 92% on 1L Gen: Mild respiratory distress with tachypnea, + subcostal retractions, speaking in 5-6 word sentences and complaining that his chest and feet hurt HEENT: TMs mildly erythematous, no purulence. MMM Chest: Decreased BS in all lung fields with scattered wheezes and crackles, + retractions, prolonged I:E ratio. Reproduction of chest pain with compression Cardiac: Tachy and regular, 2/6 vibratory SEM along LSB. Abd: Soft, ND and NT Ext: Cap refill 2-3 seconds



ED Secondary Survey

- SAMPLE history significant for:
 - 4-5 day history of URI symptoms and worsening cough
 - Tactile fevers
 - Family ran out of albuterol, gave Robitussin
 - No allergies, no other medications
 - History of asthma with multiple hospitalizations and no ICU stays. Last course of steroids was 3 months ago
 - Poor PO over last several days, mother unsure when he ate
 - No other events leading to episode, no exposures (mom denies cigarette smoke exposure)

ED Tertiary Survey

- Sent to radiology for r/o PNA CXR
- Child continued to complain of pain to his feet
- Radiology tech removed shoes due to child's persistent complaining:





Child Abuse and Neglect

- Over 1 million cases of child abuse/neglect **annually**
- Estimated prevalence of physical abuse at anytime during childhood is 5-35%
 - As few as 5% are reported to child protective agencies
- Victims characteristics:
 - 67% are < 1 year of age; 80% < 3 years
 - Past h/o abuse
 - Learning disabilities, MR, DD
 - Congenital anomalies
 - Hyperactive children
 - Adopted or step-children
 - Prematurity, LBW (conflicting)





Top 10 History "Red Flags"

- 1. Injury unexplained by history
- 2. Absent, changing or evolving history
- 3. Delay in seeking medical care
- 4. Inappropriate affect of caregiver
- 5. Triggering event causing loss of control in caregiver
- 6. Unrealistic expectations for the child
- 7. Crisis or stress if child's environment
- 8. Social/physical isolation of child or family
- 9. Pattern of increasing severity of escalation of event over time

10. Prior history of abuse of caregiver as a child



Physical Exam – Concerns

- Unusual distribution of injuries
- Multiple bruises or bruises in more than 1 plane
- Soft tissue surfaces
- Patterned bruises or bruises of different ages

| Accidental | Abuse |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Shins | Upper anterior thighs |
| Elbows | Trunk (torso/chest/BACK) |
| Lower arms | Upper arms |
| Forehead | Face & ears |
| Beneath chin | Neck and cheeks |
| Ankles | Hands and feet |
| Hips | Buttock, anus, genitalia |

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Accident vs Abuse?





Abuse Locations
✓ Upper anterior thigh
✓ Trunk
✓ Upper arms
✓ Face/cheeks/neck

Document, Document!







2 year old male with multiple body bruises with several patterned bruises, skin and soft tissue injuries, penis trauma and small left subdural hemorrhage. This constellation of findings is not explained by the reported history of a minor fall and is consistent with non-accidental trauma / child physical abuse.

Documentation: Photography

Key Elements:

- Quality 35mm or digital camera
- Zoom and wide angle
- Ensure proper lighting
- In-photo patient identifiers and labels
- Ask law enforcement to take photos

Never use a cell phone camera

- Not a secure chain of evidence
- Serious violation of privacy if data shared





911 Activation

- High-speed MVA
- Flown to your facility



- Known 2 on-scene fatalities
- Collision-to-door 59 minutes



Pediatric Assessment Triangle

- **Appearance** = Mumbling and moaning on long board with C-spine precautions
- Breathing = Unlabored, no audible noises, no visible increased WOB
- **Circulation** = Pink and warm, cap refill 2-3 seconds
- **Disability** = Dstick 121, GCS 13, not moving lower extremities
- Exposure = Open femur fracture, multiple facial and corporal bruises





ED Immediate Interventions

- Airway clear
- Breathing 10L O2 via NRBM
- Circulation 2nd NS bolus started based on estimated weight of 25 kg
- Disability –
- Exposure Warm blankets





ED Primary Survey

T 96 P 60 BP 76/40 R 22 pO2 97% on 10L Gen: Episodically awake, continuing to moan and mumble HEENT: AT/NC, PERRL, facial bruising and swelling Neck: C-collar in place, no crepitus or bruising Chest: CTAB, no bruising or lacerations to chest wall Cardiac: Brady and regular, no R/M/G Abd: Soft, ND with 2 small bruises noted to right upper quadrant, linear petechiae along seatbelt distribution Ext: Open left femur fracture, scattered other abrasions Neuro: GCS 13, not moving lower extremities



Highlights:

- abnormal vital signs
- TBI (GCS/AMS, facial trauma, mechanism)
- spinal cord injury (mechanism, physical exam)
- address femur fracture
- intraabdominal injury

Thoughts?

- Transport urgency?
- Decompensation risk?
- Interim therapy?



Pediatric TBI

- Affects 435,000 children per year and accounts for >1/3 of deaths in children
- Primary injury done deal
 Secondary injury caused by injury cascade (swollen organ too big for cage) and preventable insults including:

Hypoxia Hypotension

What Can We Do?



Brain Resuscitation - Pitfalls

1st Tier Therapy (in the field)

- Hypotension and hypoxia early after TBI associated with increased mortality and worse functional outcomes
 - Study of 299 children with TBI (82% severe)

| | Normal BP or undocumented (181) | Hypotension with treatment (57) | Hypotension without treatment (61) | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Median GCS | 4 | 3 | 3 | |
| Death | 7% (14) | 30% (17) | 56% (34) | |
| Poor GOS (1-3) | 13% (23) | 39% (22) | 65% (40) | |

Zebrack M, Dandoy C, Hansen K, Scaife E, Mann NC, Bratton S. *Early resuscitation of children with moderate-to-severe traumatic brain injury.* Pediatrics (2009) 124(1), 56-64 Children's Hospital Colorado

Early Resuscitation of Children with Moderate-to-Severe Traumatic Brain Injury

| | Normal O2 or undocumented (168) | Hypoxia with treatment (121) | Hypoxia without treatment (10) |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Median GCS | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Death | 11% (7) | 48% (58) | 60% (6) |
| Poor GOS (1-3) | 16% (10) | 62% (75) | 70% (7) |



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Brain Resuscitation – 1st Tier Pitfalls

Bottom Line:

- >1/3 of children present without a field blood pressure or pulse oximetry
- >1/2 with documented hypotension are not being treated
- Failure to correct hypotension = 3.4 fold increase in odds of death compared to children who receive even an attempt at correction!
- The younger or the sicker the child, the LESS likely that child will be completely monitored or treated

Make sure your arriving EMS team has fully monitored vital signs and corrected hypotension/hypoxia!

Brain Resuscitation - Goals

2nd Tier (ED)

Goal-directed therapy directed toward:

- 1. Minimize/avoid secondary injury
- 2. Identify mass lesions requiring emergent surgical intervention





Brain Resuscitation - Goals

Pediatric-specific guidelines:

- 1. Avoid hypoxia/hypercarbia
 - paO2 >60mmHg
 - SaO2>90%
 - paCO2 35-40mmHg
- 2. Avoid hypotension (SBP < 5th percentile)
 - Isotonic fluid administration to maintain euvolemia
 - Suggestion of added benefit to higher BP goal of 50-75th percentile until invasive monitoring devices placed (ICP/CPP directed therapy attained)

3. Avoid hyperthermia

Adelson PD, Bratton SL, Carney NA, et al. Guidelines for the acute medical management of severe traumatic brain injury in infants, children, and adolescents. Chapter 4. Resuscitation of blood pressure and oxygenation and prehospital brain-specific therapies for the severe pediatric traumatic brain injury patient. Pediatr Crit Care Med 2003; 4:S12–S18

Brain Resuscitation

Impending herniation?

- paCO2 30-35mmHg
- Mannitol vs hypertonic saline
 - 1.4g/kg mannitol shown to decreased ICP more rapidly than lower doses
 - Hypertonic saline (5ml/kg) may be a better option with tenuous hemodynamics



• Circle Back...

| | 0943 | 0950 | 0955 | 1005 |
|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| HR | 60 | 62 | 66 | 64 |
| B/P | 75/P | 86/43 | 98/81 | 92/42 |
| RR | 22 | 24 | 22 | 24 |

- Age/Weight = estimated 9y/25kg
- Hypotension = Systolic = 70 + (2 x 9) = **88**
- Warm, dry skin





- Arrive 1014 to Trauma Room 1
- Trauma Team activated prior to arrival
- 500mL infused
- Respiratory effort waning, pale
- HR 40's no distal pulses
- Cardiovascular collapse \rightarrow CPR, intubation, IV
- Dopamine, Epi, Mannitol,
- Massive Transfusion Protocol started:
 - 40mL/kg NS and 2 units blood via rapid infuser
- FAST Ultrasound = + fluid in abdomen

The Problem?



- 11- year old, 35KG
 30% under-resuscitated at 60 minutes post injury
- Mid-cervical spinal cord injury with evidence of disruption at C7-T2 and epidural hemorrhage, rib fractures, femur fracture
 - posterior fusion from C5-T6







