

## PEDIATRIC CARDIAC ARREST

**Universal Protocol**  
**Newborn – CPR 3:1**  
**1 day to 1 month – CPR 15:2**  
**> 1 month – HPCPR 10:1**  
**Consider Reversible Causes**  
**Monitor ETCO<sub>2</sub>**

- Emphasize resuscitation and HPCPR rather than immediate transport
- At 200 compressions begin charging the monitor – continue CPR while monitor is charging
- Once fully charged, stop CPR for rhythm analysis

**YES**

**Shockable Rhythm?**  
V-FIB OR V-TACH

**NO**

### Shocks

- Initial shock at 2 J/kg
- Subsequent shocks at 4J/kg
- Recurrent V-fib/V-tach use last successful shock level

- Dump charge
- Continue HPCPR

### Medications

- **Epinephrine 1:10,000** 0.01 mg/kg (0.1 ml/kg) IV/IO, not to exceed 0.3mg, repeat every 3-5 min
- **Lidocaine** 1 mg/kg IV/IO repeat every 5 min (max total dose 3 mg/kg)

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### Base Hospital Orders - Contact and transport to the nearest Base Hospital

- **Push-Dose Epinephrine 10 mcg/mL** 1 mL IV/IO (0.1 mL/kg if <10 kg) every 1-3 min, repeat as needed to titrate to age appropriate SBP, or
- **Epinephrine Drip** start at 10 mcg/min IV/IO infusion
- Termination of CPR

### Notes

- Provide 2 minutes of CPR between treatment modalities
- Pulse checks – perform during rhythm analysis with an organized rhythm >60 BPM
- Organized rhythm ≤60 continue HPCPR for 2 mins, then assess for ROSC
- Immediately resume CPR after defibrillations
- Do not hyperventilate – keep ventilations to 1 sec
- Use Broselow tape or equivalent, if available
- Prior to transport:
  - IV access
  - Management of the airway
  - First round of Epinephrine followed by 2 min CPR