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?

Yes →

No normal breathing, pulse not felt

No normal breathing, pulse felt

- Maintain patent airway.
- Provide rescue breathing.
- Administer oxygen.
- Monitor pulse and oximetry.

Does child have severe compromise of airway, breathing, or perfusion?

No   **Yes**

- Support A-B-Cs.
- Administer oxygen as needed.
- Monitor pulse and oximetry.

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

Yes   **No** →

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.

If at any time you identify cardiac arrest

Evaluate
- Initial assessment
- Primary assessment
- Secondary assessment

Intervene

Identify