

# PEDIATRIC INTRODUCTION

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## **Pediatric Protocols**

The pediatric protocol section is to be applied to patients 12 years-old and younger. Only protocols with specific treatment for pediatrics are included in the pediatric section. If a pediatric protocol does not exist for the type of patient you encounter, go to the appropriate section of the protocol manual and apply the respective protocol.

## **Intubation**

Pediatric intubation is an intervention that is allowed but it should be considered only when there is no response to the bag valve mask procedure. Intubation may be necessary if the patient is unable to maintain and/or protect his/her airway. In the setting of cardiac arrest, intubation is discouraged if effective ventilations are being provided with an oral/nasal airway and BVM ventilation.

## **Medication Administration**

In an effort to assist our staff, each ALS bag has a laminated copy of the Pediatric Broselow-Color Coded Drug List by *Volume* section. Use the Broselow tape to quickly identify the patient's weight. Then go to the respective weight on the Pediatric Broselow-Color Coded Drug List by Volume to determine the proper volume to be administered for the indicated medication. The actual dose is listed in the Pediatric Broselow-Color Coded Drug List by Dose.

The dose by volume section was rounded up to the next one hundredth to avoid having drug dosages that would not be possible to draw up in the syringes provided. All volume dosages have been calculated based on the medication concentrations listed in the *Pediatric Drug List*. Use of any other concentrations will result in a dosage error.

With the exception of ACLS medications as listed on Pediatric Broselow-Color Coded Drug List by Volume / Pediatric Broselow-Color Coded Drug List by Dose, up to two (2) doses of an indicated medication can be administered by standing orders. For additional administration beyond standing orders, contact medical control.

***Do not hesitate to consult with medical control if you have questions that are not addressed in the protocol manual or need additional assistance.***