

p-1 CARDIORESPIRATORY EMERGENCIES

PRIORITIES:

- ABCs
- 90% of pediatric arrests are respiratory – give special attention to the airway and breathing;
- Assure an advanced life support response
- Upon arrival of an EMS transport unit, assist with early transport.

Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Arrest – Basic therapy

No spontaneous pulses or respirations in a non-traumatic setting.

1. Basic **CPR** with basic airway management;
2. Assist advanced life support personnel with patient packaging and movement to ambulance;
3. Consider:
 - Insure oxygen is being administered;
 - A parent or guardian should accompany patient whenever possible;
 - Do not hyperextend the neck when opening the airway of an infant or small child as this may occlude the airway.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

SIDS is the sudden and unexpected death of a seemingly healthy infant which remains unexplained sometimes even after autopsy. SIDS is the leading cause of death in infants between the ages of 2 weeks up to 2 years of age.

1. Basic **CPR** with basic airway management;
2. Assist advanced life support personnel with patient packaging and movement to ambulance;
3. Provide support for the family; suggest the family contact a SIDS support group. Complete the Solano County SIDS scene evaluation form.