2015 Recommendation	2010 Recommendation	Explanation
Pediatric Basic Life Support and CPR Quality		
The C-A-B sequence has been reaffirmed in 2015.	Initiate CPR for infants and children with chest compressions rather than rescue breaths (C-A-B rather than A-B-C). CPR should begin with 30 compressions (by a single rescuer) or 15 compressions (for resuscitation of infants and children by 2 HCPs) rather than with 2 ventilations.	In the absence of new data, the 2010 sequence has not been changed. Consistency in the order of compressions, airway, and breathing for CPR in victims of all ages may be easiest for rescuers who treat people of all ages to remember and perform. Maintaining the same sequence for adults and children offers consistency in teaching.
It is reasonable to use the recommended adult chest compression rate of 100 to 120/min for infants and children.	"Push fast": Push at a rate of at least 100 compressions per minute.	One adult registry study demonstrated inadequate chest compression depth with extremely rapid compression rates. To maximize educational consistency and retention, in the absence of pediatric data, pediatric experts adopted the same recommendation for compression rate as is made for adult BLS.
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Pediatric Advanced Life Support		
Early, rapid IV administration of isotonic fluids is widely accepted as a cornerstone of therapy for septic shock. For children in shock, an initial fluid bolus of 20 mL/kg is reasonable. However, for children with febrile illness in settings with limited access to critical care resources (i.e., mechanical ventilation and inotropic support), administration of bolus IV fluids should be undertaken with extreme caution, as it may be harmful.	New for 2015	This recommendation continues to emphasize the administration of IV fluid for children with septic shock. Additionally, it emphasizes individualized treatment plans for each patient, based on frequent clinical assessment before, during, and after fluid therapy is given, and it presumes the availability of other critical care therapies. In certain resource limited settings, excessive fluid boluses given to febrile children may lead to complications where the appropriate equipment and expertise might not be present to effectively address them.

There is no evidence to support the *routine* use of atropine as a premedication to prevent bradycardia in emergency pediatric intubations. It may be considered in situations where there is an increased risk of bradycardia. There is no evidence to support a minimum dose of atropine when used as a premedication for emergency intubation.	A minimum atropine dose of 0.1 mg IV was recommended because of reports of paradoxical bradycardia occurring in very small infants who received low doses of atropine.	Recent evidence is conflicting as to whether atropine prevents bradycardia and other arrhythmias during emergency intubation in children. However, these recent studies did use atropine doses less than 0.1 mg without an increase in the likelihood of arrhythmias.
Fever should be avoided when caring for comatose children with ROSC after OHCA. A large randomized trial of therapeutic hypothermia for children with OHCA showed no difference in outcomes whether a period of moderate therapeutic hypothermia (with temperature maintained at 32°C to 34°C) or the strict maintenance of normothermia (with temperature maintained 36°C to 37.5°C) was provided.	Therapeutic hypothermia (32°C to 34°C) may be considered for children who remain comatose after resuscitation from cardiac arrest. It is reasonable for adolescents resuscitated from witnessed out-of-hospital VF arrest.	A prospective, multicenter study of pediatric OHCA victims randomized to receive either therapeutic hypothermia (32°C to 34°C) or normothermia (36°C to 37.5°C) showed no difference in functional outcome at 1 year between the 2 groups. This and other observational studies demonstrated no additional complications in the group treated with therapeutic hypothermia. Results are currently pending from a large, multicenter, randomized controlled trial of therapeutic hypothermia for patients who are comatose after ROSC following pediatric IHCA (see Therapeutic Hypothermia After Pediatric Cardiac Arrest website: www.THAPCA.org.
After ROSC, fluids and inotropes/vasopressors should be used to maintain a systolic blood pressure above the fifth percentile for age. Intra-arterial pressure monitoring should be used to continuously monitor blood pressure and identify and treat hypotension.	New for 2015	No studies were identified that evaluated specific vasoactive agents in post-ROSC pediatric patients. Recent observational studies found that children who had post-ROSC hypotension had worse survival to hospital discharge and worse neurologic outcome.
Delayed cord clamping after 30 seconds is suggested for both term and preterm infants who do not require resuscitation at birth. There is insufficient evidence to recommend an approach to cord clamping for infants who require resuscitation at birth.	There is increasing evidence of benefit of delaying cord clamping for at least 1 minute in term and preterm infants not requiring resuscitation. There is insufficient evidence to support or refute a recommendation to delay cord clamping in infants requiring resuscitation.	In infants who do not require resuscitation, delayed cord clamping is associated with less intraventricular hemorrhage, higher blood pressure and blood volume, less need for transfusion after birth, and less necrotizing enterocolitis. The only adverse consequence found was a slightly increased level of bilirubin, associated with more need for phototherapy.

If an infant born through meconium stained amniotic fluid presents with poor muscle tone and inadequate breathing efforts, the initial steps of resuscitation should be completed under the radiant warmer. PPV should be initiated if the infant is not breathing or the heart rate is less than 100/min after the initial steps are completed. Routine intubation for tracheal suction in this setting is not suggested, because there is insufficient evidence to continue recommending this practice. However, a team that includes someone skilled in intubation of the newborn should still be present in the delivery room.	There was insufficient evidence to recommend a change in the current practice of performing endotracheal suctioning of nonvigorous infants with meconium-stained amniotic fluid.	Review of the evidence suggests that resuscitation should follow the same principles for infants with meconium-stained fluid as for those with clear fluid; that is, if poor muscle tone and inadequate breathing effort are present, the initial steps of resuscitation (warming and maintaining temperature, positioning the infant, clearing the airway of secretions if needed, drying, and stimulating the infant) should be completed under an overbed warmer. PPV should be initiated if the infant is not breathing or the heart rate is less than 100/min after the initial steps are completed. Experts placed greater value on harm avoidance (i.e., delays in providing bag-mask ventilation, potential harm of the procedure) over the unknown benefit of the intervention of routine tracheal intubation and suctioning. Appropriate intervention to support ventilation and oxygenation should be initiated as indicated for each individual infant. This may include intubation and suction if the airway is obstructed.