Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Treatment Protocol	P-20 LALS
Pediatric Shock	
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- **Shock in children may be subtle and difficult to recognize – tachycardia may be the only sign noted**
- **Hypotension is a late sign of shock – BP may be difficult to obtain or inaccurate in children < 3 years of age**
- **Obtain history Including:**
  - **Onset and duration of symptoms - Fluid Loss (vomiting, diarrhea) - Fever, infection, trauma or ingestion**
  - **History of: allergic reaction, cardiac disease or rhythm disturbances**
- **Important signs to watch for:**

COMPENSATED SHOCK	DECOMPENSATED SHOCK
• Tachycardia • Cool extremities • Capillary refill time > 2 seconds • Weak peripheral pulses compared with central pulses • Normal blood pressure	• Hypotension and/or bradycardia (late findings) • Decreased mental status • Decreased urine output • Tachypnea • Non-detectable distal pulses with weak central pulses