

**General Pediatric Protocol**

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**• Definitions:**

- Neonate: An infant during the first 28 days of life.
- Pediatric: All patients >28 days old up to and including 14 years of age.

**• Principles:**

- Pediatric protocols shall be utilized for any patient up to and including 14 years of age. Applicable adult protocols (General Trauma Management, Burns, etc.) may be utilized when there is not a pediatric protocol applicable to the patient's complaint/condition.
- A length-based pediatric resuscitation tape shall be utilized for determining sizes of equipment, defibrillation/cardioversion doses and medication doses in the prehospital setting.

**• Normal Vital Signs and Definition of Hypotension**

Age	Normal Pulse Rate	Normal Resp. Rate	Normal SBP	Hypotension Definition
Neonate	100-160	30-50	60-80	SBP <60
Infant (1-12 months)	80-160	30-50	70-100	SBP <70
Toddler (1-2 years)	80-130	24-40	80-110	SBP <70 + (age in years x 2)
Preschooler (3-5 years)	80-120	20-30	90-110	
School-age child (6-9 years)	75-115	20-30	100-120	
Preadolescent (10-12 years)	70-110	20-24	100-120	SBP <90
Adolescent (13-14 years)	65-110	16-22	110-130	SBP <90