

2. Imagine a line drawn between the nipples. Place two fingers in the middle of the sternum, one fingerbreadth below the imaginary intermammary line (Step 1).
3. Using two fingers, compress the sternum one third to one half the depth of the chest. This corresponds to approximately 4 cm (1½ inches) in most infants and about 5 cm (2 inches) in most children. Push hard and fast (at least 100 compressions/min), and allow full chest recoil. Minimize interruptions in chest compressions.
4. After each compression, allow the sternum to return briefly to its normal position. Allow equal time for compression and relaxation of the chest. Avoid jerky movements of your compressing fingers (Step 2).
5. Coordinate rapid compression and ventilation in a 30:2 ratio, making sure the infant's chest rises with each ventilation. You will find this easier to do if you use your free hand to keep the head in the open airway position. If the chest does not rise or rises only a little, use a chin lift to open the airway. The compression/ventilation ratio can be 15:2 if there are two rescuers doing CPR.
6. Reassess the infant for signs of spontaneous breathing or pulses after 2 minutes (5 cycles) and again at each 2-minute interval (Step 3).

Skill Drill 41-7 ▶ shows the steps for performing chest compressions in children between 1 year and puberty (approximately 12 years):

1. Place the child on a firm surface, and use one hand to maintain the head tilt–chin lift (Step 1).
2. Place the heel of your hand over the middle of the sternum (between the nipples). Avoid compression over the lower tip of the sternum, which is called the xiphoid process (Step 2).
3. Compress the chest about one third to one half its total depth. Push hard and fast (100 compressions/min), and allow full chest recoil. Minimize interruptions in chest compressions. Compression and relaxation should be about the same duration. Use smooth movements, and hold your fingers off the child's ribs.
4. Coordinate rapid compression and ventilation in a 30:2 ratio, making sure that you see a visible chest rise with each ventilation (Step 3).

5. Reassess the child for signs of spontaneous breathing and pulses after 2 minutes (5 cycles of 30:2) and at 2-minute intervals.
6. If the child resumes effective breathing, place him or her in the recovery position (Step 4).

Quickly transport the patient to an appropriate receiving facility, while performing ongoing reassessments. If the child still has symptomatic bradycardia, medications are indicated. Epinephrine 0.01 mg/kg IV/IO (1:10000 dilution) is the initial medication of choice; the dose should be repeated every 3 to 5 minutes as needed for symptomatic bradycardia. If you identify heart block, give atropine as the second medication, under the direction of direct medical control. If the child continues to have symptomatic bradycardia, cardiac pacing may be indicated. If the child's rhythm deteriorates, switch to the appropriate treatment algorithm.

Tachyarrhythmias

Sinus tachycardia, a pulse rate higher than normal for age, is common in children. Although it may be a sign of serious

Skill Drill 41-7: Performing Chest Compressions on a Child



Step 1

Place the child on a firm surface, and use one hand to maintain the head tilt–chin lift.



Step 2

Place the heel of your hand over the middle of the sternum (between the nipples); avoid compression of the xiphoid process.



Step 3

Coordinate compression with ventilation in a 30:2 ratio, pausing for ventilation.



Step 4

Reassess breathing and pulse after 2 minutes and at 2-minute intervals thereafter. If the child resumes effective breathing, place him or her in the recovery position.



In the Field

The preferred agent for pediatric bradycardia is epinephrine unless the bradycardia is suspected to be from increased vagal tone.

underlying illness or injury, it may also be due to fever, pain, or anxiety. Interpret the presence of tachycardia in the context of the remainder of the PAT and initial assessment. For example, if a child appears well but has a fever, sinus tachycardia is likely and treatment with antipyretics is all that is necessary. If a tachycardic child has a history of copious vomiting or diarrhea, fluid resuscitation is the appropriate treatment.

If a tachycardic child appears ill and has poor perfusion with no history of fever, trauma, or excessive volume loss, continue your assessment for a primary cardiac cause while initiating resuscitation. Your assessment should include determination of pulse rate along with interpretation of an ECG or rhythm strip.

Tachyarrhythmias are subdivided into two types based on the width of the QRS complex. A narrow complex tachycardia exists when the QRS complex is 0.09 second or less (about two or less standard boxes on the rhythm strip); a wide complex tachycardia exists when the QRS complex is greater than 0.09 second (a little more than two standard boxes on the rhythm strip).

Narrow Complex Tachycardia

Although sinus tachycardia is the most common arrhythmia in children, [supraventricular tachycardia \(SVT\)](#) is the most frequent tachyarrhythmia requiring antiarrhythmic treatment. [Table 41-14](#) compares sinus tachycardia, reentry SVT, and ventricular tachycardia (VT). You may identify sinus tachycardia based on the presence or absence of P waves, pulse rate, and history of preceding illness or

injury. Its treatment is geared toward the underlying cause and may include oxygen, fluids, splinting, and analgesia.

SVT, which involves abnormal conduction pathways, can be identified by a narrow QRS complex, absence of P waves, and an unvarying pulse rate of more than 220 beats/min in an infant or more than 180 beats/min in a child. The child may have a history of SVT or exhibit nonspecific signs and symptoms, including irritability, vomiting, and chest or abdominal pain. Parents of young infants may report poor feeding for several days. The treatment of SVT depends on the patient's perfusion and overall stability. If the child is in stable condition, consider attempting vagal maneuvers while obtaining IV access: Have an older child hold his or her breath, blow into a straw with the end crimped over, or bear down as if having a bowel movement; in a younger child, place an examination glove filled with ice firmly over the midface, being careful not to obstruct the nose and mouth. Attempt these techniques only once, while continually monitoring the child's rhythm.

If the child has adequate perfusion and vagal maneuvers do not succeed in converting SVT to a sinus rhythm, consider administering adenosine (0.1 mg/kg). Adenosine has a short half-life and must be injected quickly into a vein near the heart, usually an antecubital vein. Its administration will be followed by a brief run of bradycardia, ventricular tachycardia, ventricular fibrillation, or asystole, which will convert spontaneously to sinus rhythm. Persistence of any of these rhythms is rare, but be prepared to switch arrhythmia algorithms if necessary.

For a child with SVT who has poor perfusion, [synchronized cardioversion](#) is recommended. Synchronized cardioversion is the timed administration of electrical energy to the heart to correct an arrhythmia. If the child is generating a regular but ineffective rhythm, it's important to time the jolt of electricity with the appropriate phase of the electrical activity (corresponds

Table 41-14 Features of Sinus Tachycardia, SVT, and VT

	History	Pulse Rate	Respiratory Rate	QRS Interval	Assessment	Treatment
Sinus tachycardia	Fever Volume loss Hypoxia Pain Increased activity or exercise	< 220 beats/min (infant) < 180 beats/min (child)	Variable	Narrow: < 0.09 s	Hypovolemia Hypoxia Painful injury	Fluids Oxygen Splinting Analgesia or sedation
Supraventricular tachycardia	Congenital heart disease Known SVT Nonspecific symptoms (such as poor feeding, fussiness)	> 220 beats/min (infants) > 180 beats/min (child)	Constant	Narrow: < 0.09 s	CHF* may be present	Vagal maneuvers (ice to face) Adenosine (0.1 mg/kg) Synchronized electrical cardioversion
Ventricular tachycardia	Serious systemic illness	> 150 beats/min	Variable	Wide: > 0.09 s	CHF* may be present	Synchronized electrical cardioversion Amiodarone Procainamide

*CHF indicates congestive heart failure.

with the R wave on an ECG). A burst of electricity to the myocardium during the relative refractory period (the downward slope of the T wave) can precipitate ventricular fibrillation (VF)—a potentially lethal effect. Follow the same steps with synchronized cardioversion as with defibrillation, except that you must press the “sync” button on the defibrillator to alert the machine to time the electrical jolt. The dose of the initial synchronized cardioversion attempt is 0.5 to 1.0 joules per kilogram of body weight (J/kg). If the first dose is unsuccessful, a repeated dose of 2 J/kg can be given. In the hospital setting, sedation is provided before cardioversion, but its administration must not delay the procedure in a child in unstable condition.

An alternative approach to treating the child in SVT with poor perfusion is to give a dose of IV adenosine if vascular access is readily available. Do not delay synchronized cardioversion if vascular access is not already established, however. If the child remains in SVT and is in unstable condition or shock or is unconscious, you may give additional antiarrhythmic medications in conjunction with cardiology consultation.

Wide Complex Tachycardia

A child with a wide QRS complex tachycardia with a palpable pulse is likely in VT, a rare, but potentially life-threatening rhythm in children. Its presence may reflect underlying cardiac pathology. SVT may sometimes manifest as a wide complex rhythm, and distinguishing between the two can be challenging.

If a child with suspected VT is in hemodynamically stable condition and IV access is available, consider giving antiarrhythmic medication. Amiodarone is the drug of choice for VT with a pulse, although procainamide is an acceptable alternative. Do not give amiodarone *and* procainamide because both prolong the QT interval. If a child with VT is in unstable condition or shock or is unconscious, the treatment is synchronized cardioversion. Prior sedation is ideal, but do not delay cardioversion for this reason. The same dose of synchronized cardioversion is used for SVT and VT.



Special Considerations

The most common cause of tachycardia in an infant or a young child is sinus tachycardia from fever, dehydration, or pain.

If a child with a tachyarrhythmia is or becomes pulseless, begin CPR and follow the pulseless arrest treatment guidelines. Prepare to immediately transport any child with an arrhythmia to an appropriate receiving facility. Copies of rhythm strips or ECG tracings will be helpful to hospital personnel for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes.

Pulseless Arrest

Cardiopulmonary arrest exists when the child is unresponsive, apneic, and pulseless. In children, this type of arrhythmia is usually a secondary event—that is, the end result of profound hypoxemia and acidosis owing to respiratory failure. Asystole is the most common arrest rhythm. Pulseless electrical activity (PEA), VT, and VF are seen with lower frequency in children than

Table 41-15 Pediatric Defibrillation Paddle Size

Age/Weight	Paddle Size
Older than 12 mo or > 10 kg	8-cm (adult) paddles
Up to 12 mo or < 10 kg	4.5-cm (pediatric) paddles

in adults. The survival rate for children with asystolic arrest in the prehospital setting is poor, and few survivors have good neurologic outcomes. The survival rate for children with VF arrest is slightly better and, as in adults, depends on early defibrillation.

When confronted with a pediatric patient in cardiopulmonary arrest, the most important consideration is to provide high-quality BLS skills. This starts with immediate CPR. Begin chest compressions immediately and call for a defibrillator. A second rescuer can open the airway and start rescue breathing. Attempt IV or IO access. When it becomes available, attach a monitor or defibrillator to determine the underlying cardiac rhythm. If it is asystole or PEA, defibrillation is not indicated, and additional treatment is limited to epinephrine (0.01 mg/kg IV/IO, 1:10000 dilution). After administering the medication, perform five cycles of CPR (approximately 2 minutes) before rechecking the rhythm and assessing for the presence of a pulse. If asystole or PEA persists, continue with CPR and epinephrine. High-dose epinephrine is not routinely recommended, however. Consider the “Hs” as the potential causes—for example, Hypoxia, Hypothermia, Hypovolemia, Hydrogen ions, or Hyper/Hypokalemia. Also consider the “Ts”—Tablets (poisoning), Tamponade (cardiac), Tension pneumothorax, Thrombosis (coronary), or Thrombosis (pulmonary).

Defibrillation is performed before administration of medication in the treatment of VF or pulseless VT. Follow these steps to perform manual defibrillation in an infant or a child:

1. Confirm unresponsiveness, pulselessness, and apnea.
2. Begin CPR if a defibrillator is not immediately available.
3. Select the proper paddle or pad size

Table 41-15 ▲ .

4. Apply conductive gel to the paddles. Place one paddle on the anterior chest wall to the right of the sternum, inferior to the clavicle; place the other paddle on the left midclavicular line at the level of the xiphoid process **Figure 41-22** ▲ . Apply firm pressure to the paddles. For children who are younger than 12 months or who weigh less than 10 kg, you may use anterior-posterior paddle placement **Figure 41-23** ▶ .

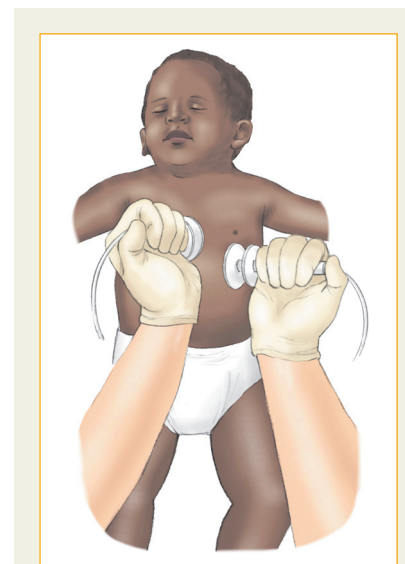


Figure 41-22 Site for defibrillation paddles or pads on anterior chest wall in small infants.

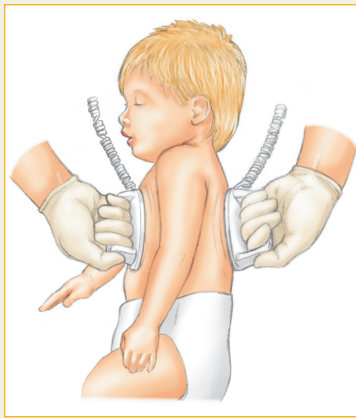


Figure 41-23 Site for defibrillation paddles or pads placed in anterior-posterior position for larger infants and children.

5. Assess the cardiac rhythm to confirm the presence of VF or pulseless VT.
 6. Select the appropriate energy setting, and charge the defibrillator.
 7. Verbally and visually ensure that no one is in contact with the patient; stop CPR if it is in progress.
 8. Deliver the shock at the appropriate energy setting.
 9. Give 5 cycles of CPR (approximately 2 minutes).
10. Reassess the rhythm.
 11. If a shockable rhythm persists, give an additional shock at an increased or the same energy, and immediately resume CPR.
 12. Insert an advanced airway, establish IV access, and begin medication therapy if indicated. Repeat the defibrillation after 5 cycles of CPR (approximately 2 minutes) if refractory VF or pulseless VT persists.

Many EMS systems use pregelled defibrillator pads instead of paddles. If your system uses defibrillator pads, place them in the same location as you would when using an AED. When applying the pads, ensure that there are no air pockets in the pad-skin interface because they may result in skin burns and decreased defibrillation effectiveness.

The initial energy setting for defibrillation of pediatric patients is 2 J/kg. If this level does not succeed, repeat the defibrillation at 4 J/kg. Further defibrillation should occur at 4 J/kg after cycles of CPR, as needed. There is some evidence that energy levels above 4 J/kg may be effective and safe, especially if delivered with a biphasic defibrillator. Energy levels, however, should never exceed 10 J/kg. With ongoing CPR, remember to search for and treat any underlying reversible causes. Give epinephrine only after you have delivered two shocks, doubling the dose for the second attempt.

For infants, a manual defibrillator is preferred to an AED for defibrillation. If a manual defibrillator is not available, an AED equipped with a pediatric setting or dose attenuator is preferred. If neither is available, an AED without a pediatric setting or dose attenuator may be used. Survival requires defibrillation when a shockable rhythm is present, and a high-dose shock is preferred to no shock at all.

As soon as possible, transport patients in cardiopulmonary arrest to an appropriate receiving facility. Early return of spontaneous circulation (< 5 min) and VF or VT as a presenting



In the Field

Keep a laminated copy of the pediatric algorithms with you at all times for your reference during a cardiovascular emergency.

rhythm are associated with improved neurologic outcome for survivors of pediatric cardiopulmonary arrest.

Many EMS systems permit declaration of death in the pre-hospital setting if a child in cardiac arrest does not respond to resuscitation. In some cases, you may elect to transport the patient to an ED, even when resuscitation efforts are not successful, so as to provide social service support to the family. A child's death is a devastating event for the family and the EMS crew, and this may be one of your most difficult calls.

Medical Emergencies

Approximately half of all prehospital calls for pediatric patients are trauma-related; the other half are medical. Medical calls may include respiratory complaints (as previously discussed in this chapter), fever, seizures, and altered LOC.

Fever

Fever is a common pediatric complaint but often not a true medical emergency. A symptom of an underlying infectious or inflammatory process, fever can have multiple causes. Most pediatric fevers are caused by viral infections, which are often mild and self-limiting. In other cases, fever is a symptom of a more serious bacterial infection.

Your general impression and initial assessment will help you determine the severity of illness. Remember that young children with a fever can look quite ill—even if they only have a “bug”—because increased body temperature causes increased metabolism, tachycardia, and tachypnea. Record temperature as part of the vital signs, but recognize that the height of the fever does not reflect the severity of the illness. If the patient is a young infant, a rectal temperature is most accurate, but recognition that fever is present is more important than the exact temperature. As you move through the initial assessment, look for signs of respiratory distress, shock, seizures, stiff neck, petechial or purpuric rash, or a bulging fontanelle in an infant. These signs may tip you off to the presence of pneumonia, sepsis, or meningitis, all of which can be life threatening and require prompt transport to an appropriate facility. Ear infections (otitis externa and media) are common childhood maladies that most caregivers are experienced at managing. Occasionally, they can also lead to high fevers.

Very young infants (younger than 2 months) should always be considered at risk for serious infection. Young infants have few ways of interacting with the world, and a fever (defined as body temperature > 38°C) may be the only sign of a potentially life-threatening illness. Regardless of how well a child in this age group looks, he or she should be assessed and transported quickly to a hospital for a full sepsis workup, including blood, urine, and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) analysis.

The focused history and physical examination will help to determine the underlying cause of the fever and the

Notes from Nancy

The majority of emergencies requiring CPR in children are preventable.





Special Considerations

Fever itself is generally not an emergency, but rather a symptom of an underlying process. Use your assessment skills to determine the child's severity of illness.

severity of illness. Perform this assessment on scene if the child is in stable condition or en route to the hospital if the child appears seriously ill. Ask about the presence of vomiting, diarrhea, poor feeding, headache, neck pain or stiffness, and rash. A history of infectious exposure may provide clues to the likely cause of the child's current illness. The focused medical history may also identify a child at high risk for serious bacterial illness. For example, sickle cell disease, human immunodeficiency virus infection, and childhood cancers may all lead to an immunocompromised state.

A child with a fever may require little intervention in the pre-hospital environment. Simply support the ABCs as needed. Although fever by itself is not dangerous, temperature control will make the child with a minor acute illness look and feel better. Consider treating with acetaminophen or ibuprofen, but avoid aspirin in children. Use of aspirin in children has been linked with a rare illness called Reye syndrome, which can result in cerebral edema and liver failure. Other cooling measures should be limited to undressing the child. Transport the patient to an appropriate medical facility with ongoing reassessment for clinical deterioration.

Meningitis

Meningitis entails inflammation or infection of the meninges, the covering of the brain and spinal cord. It is most often caused by a viral or bacterial infection. Although children may look and feel quite ill, viral meningitis is rarely a life-threatening infection. By contrast, bacterial meningitis is potentially fatal. Children with bacterial meningitis can progress rapidly from mildly ill-appearing to coma and even death. In the early stages of illness, it is difficult to tell which type of infection is present, so take the safe route: Always proceed as if the child may have bacterial meningitis.

The symptoms of meningitis vary depending on the age of the child and the agent causing the infection. In general, the younger the child, the more vague the symptoms. A newborn with early bacterial meningitis may have fever as the only symptom. Young infants will often have fever and perhaps localizing signs such as lethargy, irritability, poor feeding, and a bulging fontanelle. Young children rarely show typical "meningeal signs" such as **nuchal rigidity** (neck stiffness with movement of the neck). Verbal children will often complain of headaches and neck pain. An altered LOC and seizures are ominous symptoms at any age.

Neonates most often contract meningitis-causing bacteria during the birthing process: The bacteria that may be present in the mother's vaginal tract—*Escherichia coli*, group B *Streptococcus*, and *Listeria monocytogenes*—can produce serious infections in newborns. Older infants and young children are at risk for contracting viral meningitis from enteroviruses, which are widespread during the summer and fall. Bacterial meningitis in older age groups most often involves *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (also known as pneumococcus) and *Neisseria meningitidis* (also known as meningococcus). Pneumococcus infection is becoming less



Figure 41-24 Purpura in a child with meningococcal sepsis.

Table 41-16 Pediatric SAMPLE History for Suspected Meningitis	
Component	Explanation
Signs and symptoms	Onset and duration of illness, including "cold symptoms"—runny nose, cough Onset and duration of fever Rash? Headache? Neck pain? Photophobia? Irritability?
Allergies	Known drug reactions or other allergies
Medications	Exact names and doses of ongoing drugs Timing and amount of last dose Time and dose of analgesics and antipyretics
Past medical history	Previous illnesses or injuries Immunizations Perinatal history for young infants
Last oral intake	Timing of the child's last food or drink, including bottle or breastfeeding
Events leading to illness or injury	Any known exposures to children with illnesses and what kind of illnesses

frequent as more young children are vaccinated against this bacterium. Meningitis from *H influenzae* is rare because a vaccine against this pathogen was introduced several years ago.

Neisseria meningitidis may also cause **sepsis** (an overwhelming bacterial infection in the bloodstream). Meningococcal meningitis with sepsis is typically characterized by a **petechial** (small, pinpoint red spots) or **purpuric** (larger purple or black spots) rash in addition to the other symptoms of meningitis **Figure 41-24**.

Infection control is an important part of managing a child who may have meningitis. Meningococcus, in particular, is quite contagious. Protect yourself and others from contracting this illness by being vigilant about using standard and respiratory precautions. Wear a gown, gloves, and a mask if meningitis is a possibility.

Children with meningococcal sepsis and meningitis get very sick, very fast, so move quickly through your assessment. Form your general impression, and perform the initial assessment as usual, while recognizing that the initial presentation of

a child with meningitis can be highly variable. Look for fever, altered mental status, bulging fontanelle, photophobia, nuchal rigidity, irritability, petechiae, purpura, and signs of shock. Perform a bedside glucose check because hypoglycemia may result from the hypermetabolic state. Helpful components of a SAMPLE history are shown in [Table 41-16](#).

For children in physiologically unstable condition, provide lifesaving interventions as needed and transport them quickly, ideally to a facility with a pediatric intensive care unit. En route, perform frequent reassessments—one of the hallmarks of this disease is rapid deterioration. Monitor vital signs and changes in physical examination findings closely to anticipate a child's needs and intervene early.

Altered LOC and Mental Status

An altered LOC or mental status is an abnormal neurologic state in which a child is less alert and interactive with the environment than normal. [Table 41-17](#) uses the mnemonic AEIOU-TIPPS to highlight some common causes of altered LOC. Without a good history, it may be difficult to determine the underlying cause, and you may find yourself simply identifying and treating concerning symptoms.

Run through the PAT and ABCs quickly to determine possible points of intervention. Pay special attention to possible disability and dextrose issues. Use the AVPU scale (Alert, responsive to Voice, responsive to Pain, Unresponsive) to identify the level of disability. In addition, check the patient's glucose level because hypoglycemia (defined as a serum glucose

concentration < 2.2 mmol/l in a newborn and < 3.3 mmol/l in all other infants and children) is easily treatable.

The focused history and physical examination, whether performed at the scene or en route to the hospital, may also provide clues about the underlying cause. For example, a child with a history of epilepsy may be in a postictal state after an unwitnessed seizure; a child with diabetes may be hypoglycemic or in diabetic ketoacidosis. A history of toxic ingestion, recent illness, or injury may also reveal the cause of the altered mental status.

Regardless of the cause, the initial management of altered mental status is the same. Support the ABCs by carefully assessing the patient's airway and breathing. Provide assisted ventilation or airway support as needed. If the child is hypoglycemic, give glucose intravenously using 2 ml/kg of a 25% dextrose solution (D₂₅W) for infants and young children. Use 5 ml/kg of a 10% dextrose solution (D₁₀W) for neonates. Neonates do not tolerate hypertonic solutions and should not receive a dextrose solution greater than 10%. Always recheck the blood glucose level after giving IV glucose. The goal is to maintain a *normal* glucose level: Hyperglycemia is associated with worse neurologic outcomes in patients with cerebral ischemia. For children with altered mental status and signs or symptoms suggestive of an opiate toxidrome [Table 41-18](#), consider giving naloxone. All patients with altered mental status should be transported expeditiously to an appropriate medical facility.

Seizures

Seizures result from abnormal electrical discharges in the brain. Although many types of seizures exist, generalized seizures manifest as abnormal motor activity and an altered LOC. Some children are predisposed to seizures because of underlying brain abnormalities, whereas others experience seizures as a result of trauma, metabolic disturbances, ingestion, or infection. Seizures associated with fever (febrile seizures) are unique to young children.

The physical manifestation of a seizure will depend on the area of the brain firing the electrical discharges and the age of

Table 41-17 AEIOU-TIPPS: Possible Causes of Altered LOC and Mental Status

A	Alcohol
E	Epilepsy, endocrine, electrolytes
I	Insulin
O	Opiates and other drugs
U	Uremia
T	Trauma, temperature
I	Infection
P	Psychogenic
P	Poison
S	Shock, stroke, space-occupying lesion, subarachnoid hemorrhage



In the Field

Always check the glucose level for a patient with altered mental status.

Table 41-18 Common Toxidromes

Toxidrome	Agent	Signs and Symptoms
Anticholinergic	Antihistamines, cyclic antidepressants	"Hot as a hare, red as a beet (hot, dry skin; hyperthermia), blind as a bat (dilated pupils), mad as a hatter (delirium, hallucinations)"
Cholinergic	Organophosphates	DUMBELS: Diarrhea/diaphoresis, Urination, Miosis, Bradycardia/bronchoconstriction, Emesis, Lacrimation, Salivation
Narcotic	Morphine, methadone	Bradycardia, hypoventilation, miosis, hypotension
Sympathomimetic	Cocaine, amphetamines	Tachycardia, hypertension, hyperthermia, mydriasis (dilated pupils), diaphoresis (sweating)