8.11 PEDIATRIC SHOCK & HYPOTENSION

BLS Treatment

- · Position of comfort.
- NPO
- Assess circulation, airway, breathing, and responsiveness.
- Oxygen as indicated.
- Provide Spinal Motion Restriction as indicated or position of comfort as indicated.
- Appropriately splint suspected fractures/instability as indicated.
- Bandage wounds/control bleeding as indicated.

ALS Treatment

Current American Heart Association Guidelines concerning Emergency Cardiac Care assessments and interventions shall always take precedence over local protocols when there is a conflict concerning techniques of resuscitation.

- For hypotension, administer Normal Saline bolus, using Buretrol.
- For shock unresponsive to fluids, administer epinephrine infusion
- Check blood glucose. If blood glucose <60 mg/dl: administer Dextrose.
- If no IV or IO access: administer Glucagon.

Compensated Shock:

Anxiety, agitation, restlessness
Tachycardia
Normotensive
Capillary refill normal to delayed
Symptoms of allergic reaction Pallor,
mottling

Uncompensated Shock:

Decreased level of consciousness
Tachycardia to bradycardia
Hypotensive
Cyanosis
Delayed capillary refill
Inequality of central & distal pulses

Base Hospital Contact Criteria

For shock unresponsive to initial ALS interventions, contact for IV Dopamine orders.

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