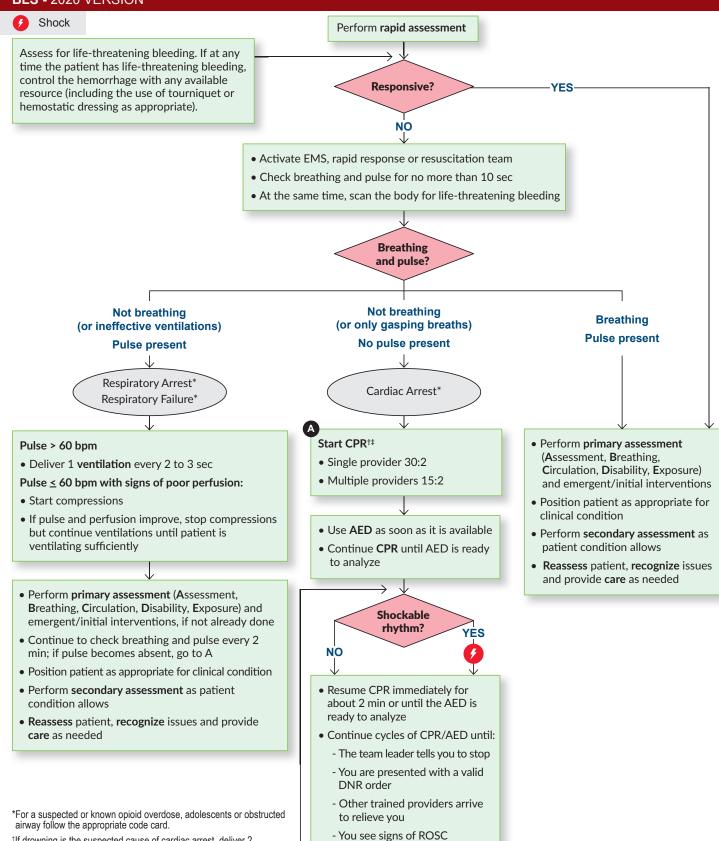
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- You are too exhausted to

- The situation becomes unsafe

continue

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>If drowning is the suspected cause of cardiac arrest, deliver 2 initial ventilations before starting CPR. Consider delivering 2 initial ventilations before starting CPR in a child or infant with cardiac arrest from a primary respiratory etiology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>If an advanced airway is in place, one provider delivers 1 ventilation every 2 to 3 seconds, while the other provider delivers continuous chest compressions without pausing for ventilations.

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CPR Technique		Infant (< 1 Year Old)	Child (Age 1 Year to Onset of Puberty)
Compression-to-ventilation ratio: • Single provider 30:2 • Multiple providers 15:2	Compressions	<ul> <li>Hand position: Two thumbs placed in the center of the chest just below the nipple line (encircling thumbs technique). Alternatively two fingers may be used (i.e., two-finger technique). The one-hand technique may be considered if depth cannot be achieved with either the encircling thumbs technique or the or two-finger technique.</li> <li>Depth: About 1½ inches (3.8 cm)</li> <li>Rate: 100 to 120 per min</li> <li>Full chest recoil: Compression and recoil times should be approximately equal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hand position: One or two hands centered on the lower half of the sternum</li> <li>Depth: About 2 inches (5 cm)</li> <li>Rate: 100 to 120 per min</li> <li>Full chest recoil: Compression and recoil times should be approximately equal</li> </ul>
Switch CPR compressors  • Every 2 min  • During rhythm check  • If provider is fatigued	Ventilations	<ul> <li>Open airway to neutral position (avoid hyperextension). Use modified jaw-thrust maneuver instead if you suspect head, neck or spinal injury.</li> <li>Each ventilation should last about 1 sec and make the chest begin to rise; allow the air to exit before delivering next ventilation.</li> <li>If an advanced airway is in place, one provider delivers 1 ventilation every 2 to 3 secs, while the other provider delivers continuous chest compressions without pausing for ventilations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Open airway to slightly past-neutral position (avoid hyperextension). Use modified jaw-thrust maneuver instead if you suspect head, neck or spinal injury.</li> <li>Each ventilation should last about 1 sec and make the chest begin to rise; allow air to exit before delivering the next ventilation.</li> </ul>

Indications of Poor Perfusion in a Child or Infant				
Cool moist skin	Mottling or cyanosis	Decreased capillary refill		
• Pallor	Weak or thready pulse	Hypotension		
	Decrease in behavior or reactivity			

