

PAEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT

KEY MESSAGES

Early recognition is crucial

Use quick-look tools like the BBB-tool of the Paediatric Assessment Triangle to recognise critical illness

Use three steps to save a child:

Check - Call - CPR

Call for help as soon as you identify an unconscious child

Systems

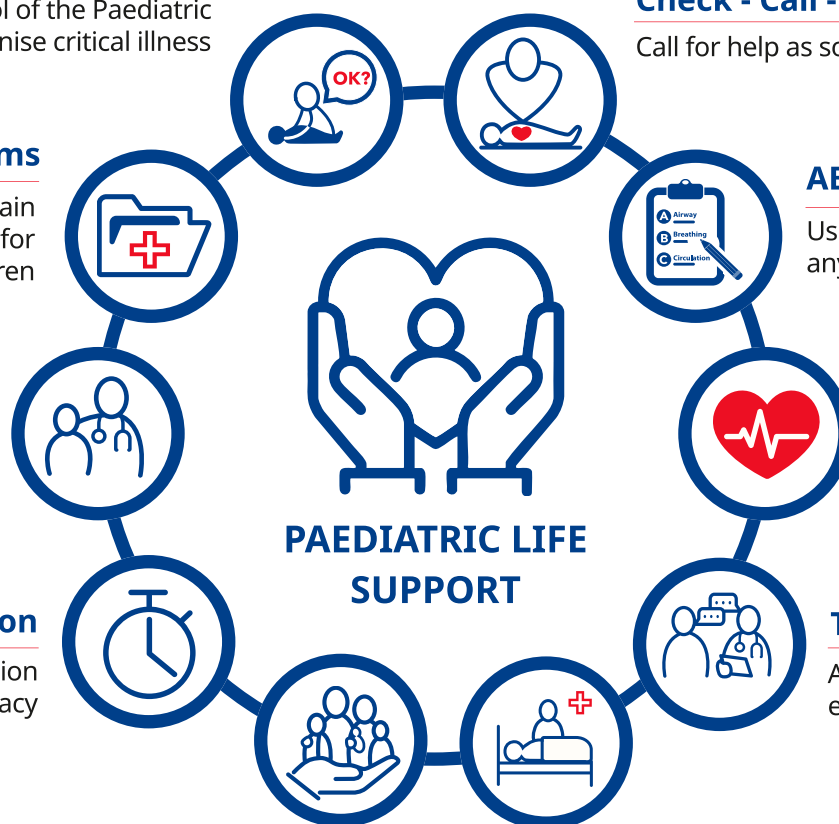
Systems should aim to link all parts of the chain of survival and establish clear protocols for life-threatening conditions in children

Post-discharge care

Use structured post-discharge care considering patient and family needs as standard of patient care

Prognostication

No single modality can be used in isolation for prognostication with high accuracy



ABCDE

Use a structured ABCDE approach to treat any child who appears critically ill or injured

Paediatric advanced life support

Follow the PALS algorithm while considering and treating relevant reversible causes of cardiac arrest and modify approach in special circumstances

Team approach

Activate additional resources early and establish a team with clearly defined roles

Family-centred approach

Involve parents/caregivers at all stages of care
Communicate with honesty and empathy while considering the needs of the family

Post-resuscitation care

Initiate post-resuscitation care immediately after ROSC
Implement individualised goals and care bundles