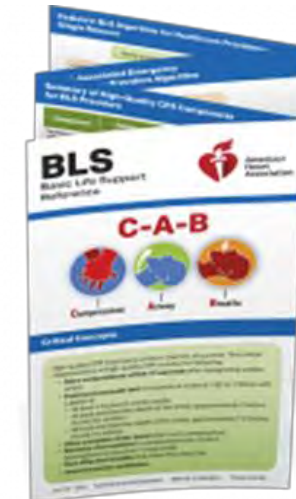
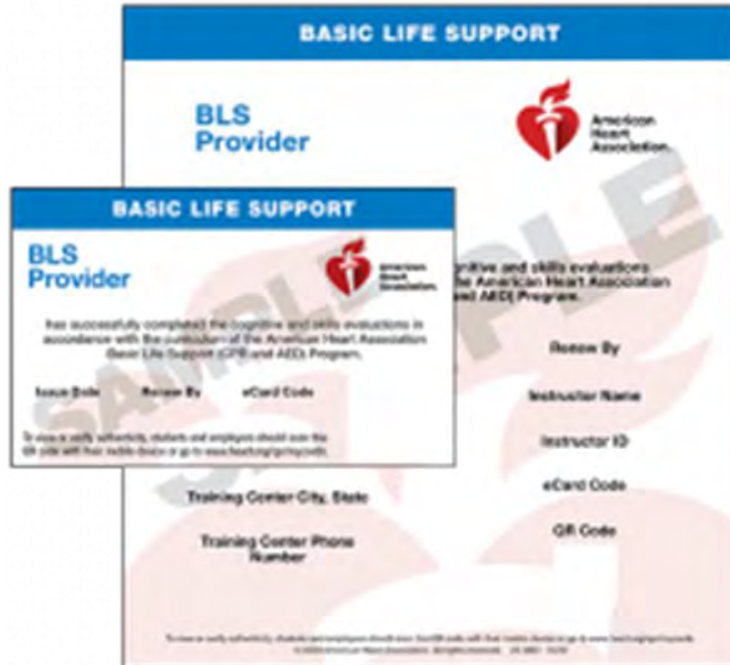


BLS Study Guide 2021



Welcome to LearnACLS a multi-regional and international American Heart Association Training Center, the home of “Stress Free Learning”.

If you register and pay 10 days prior to the class, you may choose to receive your course materials shipped to you for an additional \$7.95. Please take the opportunity to review the materials prior to attending your course. Enclosed you will find a quick reference study guide which we have prepared to assist you in preparing for your course. This guide is not meant to replace your AHA materials but to facilitate your learning.

Upon successful course completion, including demonstration of skills competency in all learning stations and passing the skills test, bag-mask ventilation skills test, and a written test, students receive an BLS course completion card, valid for two years.

Once again thank you for choosing LearnACLS for your American Heart Association training needs. We look forward to seeing you at your class.



High quality CPR and early defibrillator is the core of BLS care in the cardiac arrest patient.

High quality CPR can be measured by, Partial End Tidal Carbon Dioxide (PETCO). A reading greater than 10 and less than 23 indicates high quality CPR. The normal PETCO is 35-45 mm HG. Any reading less than 10 indicates ineffectiveness CPR during resuscitation.

A sudden rise of PETCO towards normal is the first sign of return spontaneous circulation (ROSC).

If an AED does not analyze it is defective, do not attempt to troubleshoot.

Integration of the Rapid Response Team (RRT) or Medical Emergency Team (MET) facilitates early identification of clinical deterioration of patients and visitors in hospital and improves overall outcome.

In Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) algorithms the first priority is to maintain airway, the overall focus is maintenance of homeostasis.



Check for pulse & breathing or abnormal breathing (5-10 seconds); Health care providers are encouraged to simultaneously perform checking for breathing and pulse.

The rate of chest compressions is 100 to 120 compressions.

Adult a depth between 2 to 2.4 inches (5-6cm); Child a depth of at least 2 inches (5cm); Infant a depth of at least 1.5inches (4cm)

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HCP will provide rescue breaths for the adult at a rate of 1breath every 5-6 sec. (10-12/min); Respiratory or cardiac arrest in pediatric is one (1) breath every 2-3 seconds (20-30/minute) with or without advanced airway.

Once an advanced airway is in place continuous CPR with 1 ventilation every 6 sec. (10/min)

For infants a single rescuer may also use two thumbs or *the heel of one hand* for infant compressions.

Use of bag-mask ventilation is not recommended for a lone provider. Bag-mask ventilation is most effective when performed by 2 providers.



Key changes in advanced cardiovascular life support, reflecting the *2020 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care*

Basic life support skills, including effective chest compressions monitored by a CPR Coach, use of a bag-mask device with a filter and use of an (AED). For infants, a single rescuer may use two thumbs or the heel of one hand for compressions.

Recognition and early management of respiratory and cardiac arrest

Airway management rescue breaths for Peds is 1 breath every 2 to 3 seconds (20 to 30 breaths/min)

Effective communication as a member and leader of a resuscitation team

Effective Resuscitation Team Dynamics

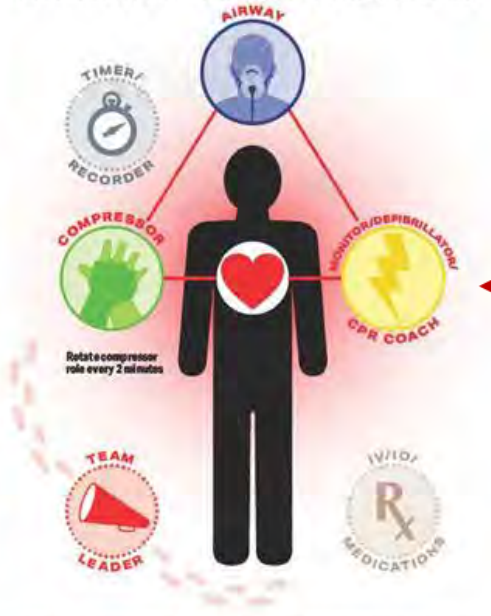
Booster sessions (**every 90 days**) is recommended when a massed learning approach was used for resuscitation training. A spaced learning approach is recommended over a massed learning approach..



Resuscitation Triangle Roles

- Compressor**
 - Assesses the patient
 - Performs compressions according to local protocols
 - Rotates every 2 minutes or earlier if fatigued
 - Monitor/AED/Defibrillator CPR Coach**
 - Brings and operates the AED/monitor/defibrillator and acts as the CPR Coach if designated
 - If a monitor is present, places it in position where it can be seen by the Team Leader (and most of the team)
 - Airway**
 - Opens the airway
 - Provides bag-mask ventilation
 - Inserts airway adjuncts as appropriate
- The team owns the code. No team member leaves the triangle except to rotate compressors or to protect his or her safety.

Positions for 6-Person High-Performance Teams*



Leadership Roles

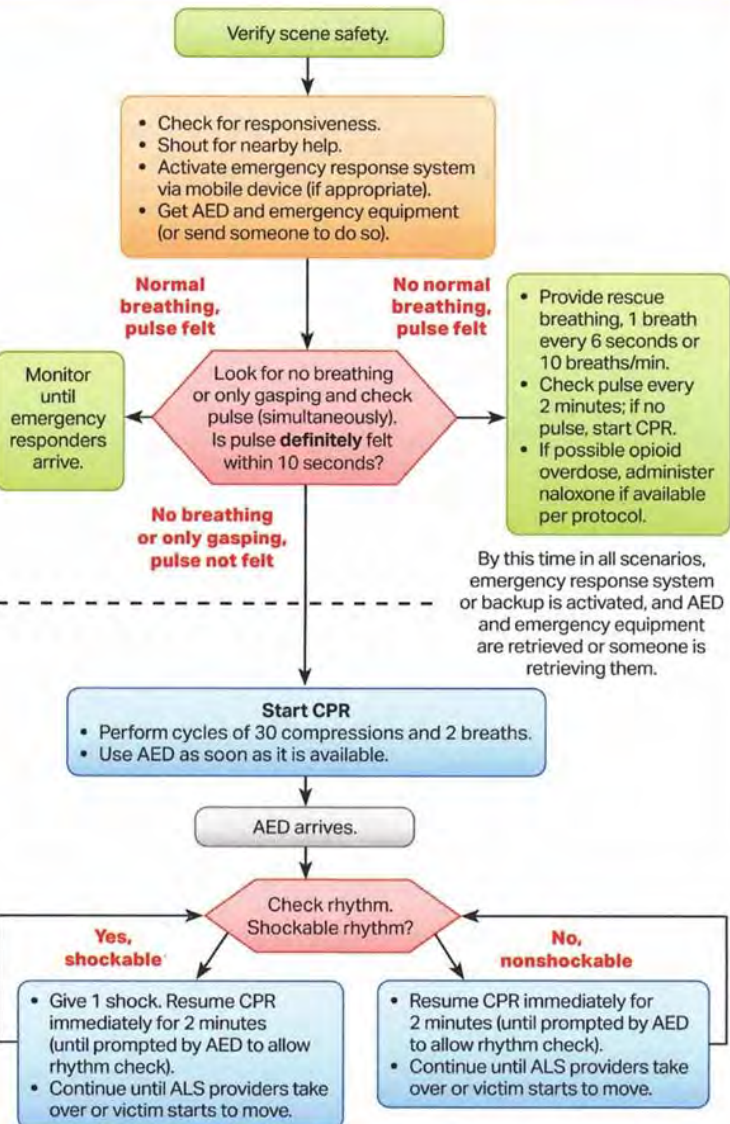
- Team Leader**
 - Every resuscitation team must have a defined leader
 - Assigns roles to team members
 - Makes treatment decisions
 - Provides feedback to the rest of the team as needed
 - Assumes responsibility for roles not defined
- IV/IO/Medications**
 - An ALS provider role
 - Initiates IV/IO access
 - Administer medications
- Timer/Recorder**
 - Records the time of interventions and medications (and announces when these are next due)
 - Records the frequency and duration of interruptions in compressions
 - Communicates these to the Team Leader (and the rest of the team)



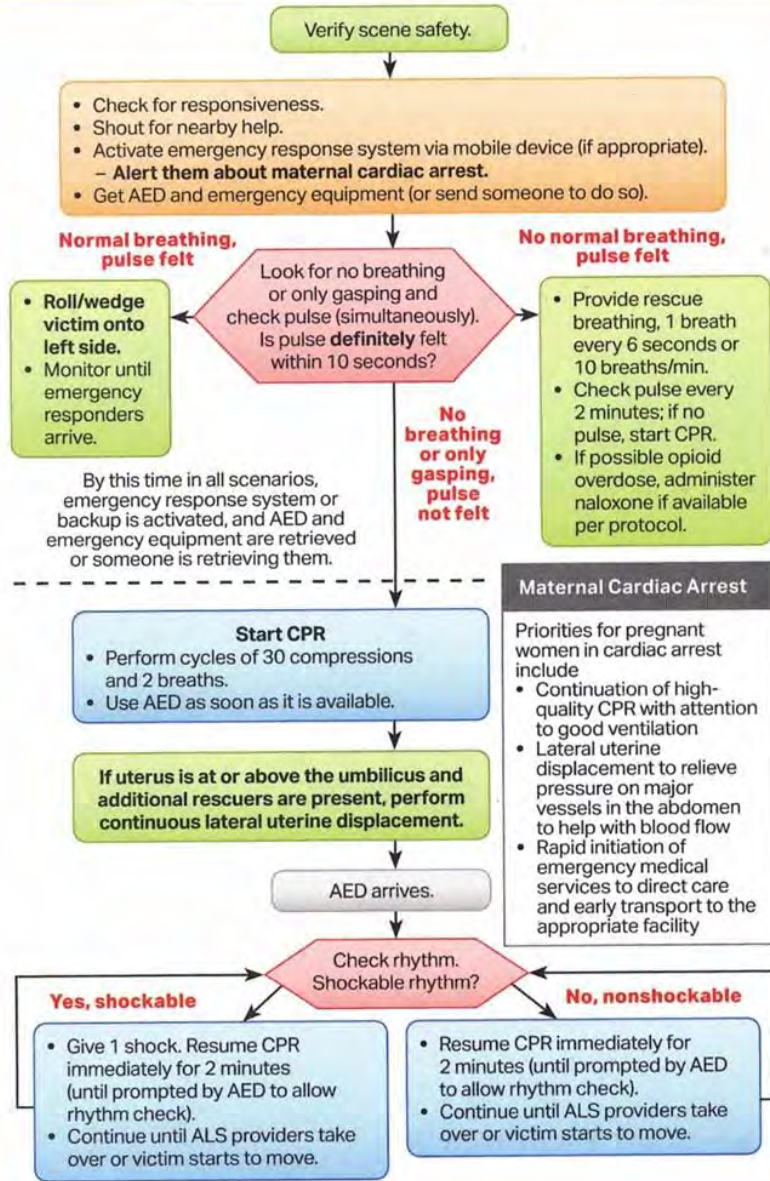
**Monitor;
CPR Coach**

*This is a suggested team formation. Roles may be adapted to local protocol.
†Roles and tasks are performed by advanced providers.
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Adult BLS Algorithm for Healthcare Providers

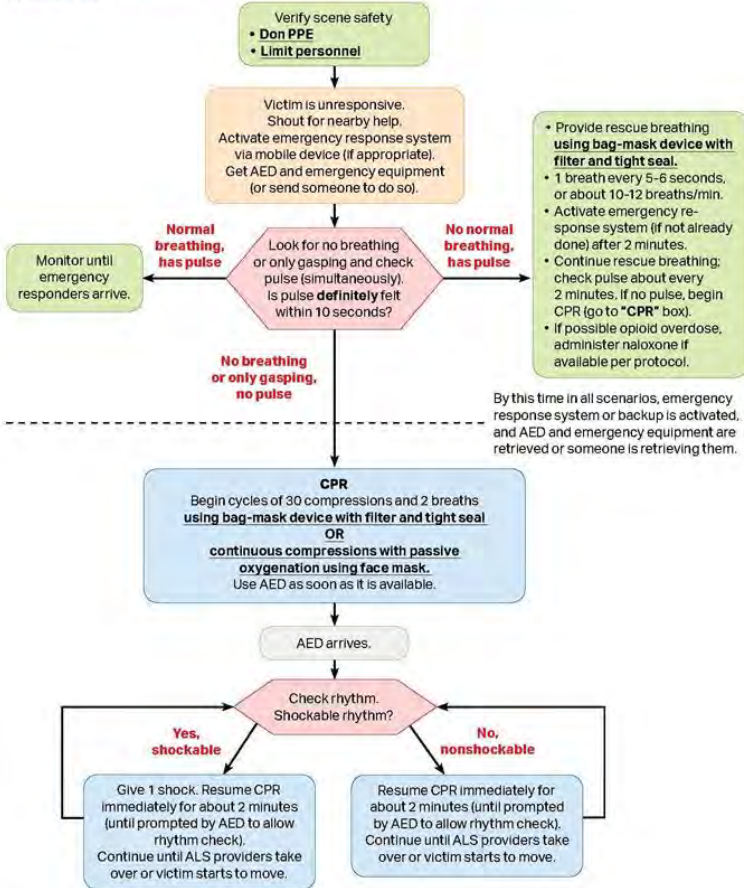


Adult BLS in Pregnancy Algorithm for Healthcare Providers



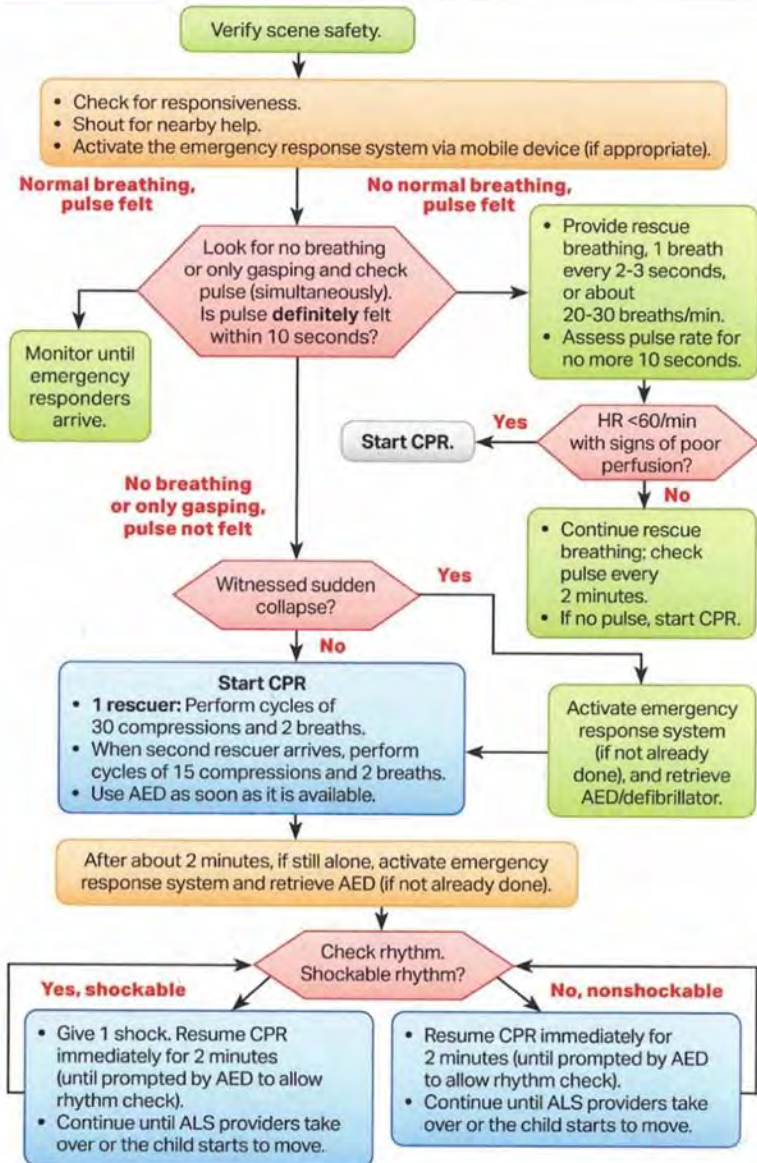
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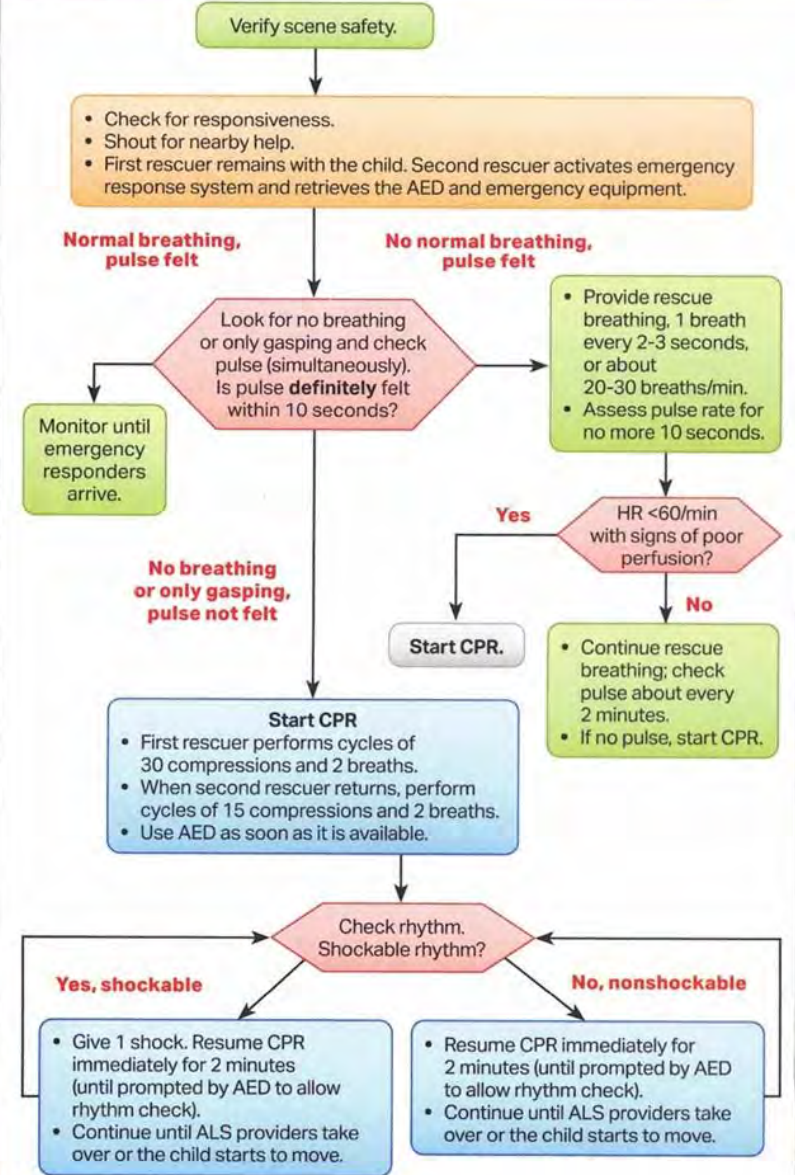


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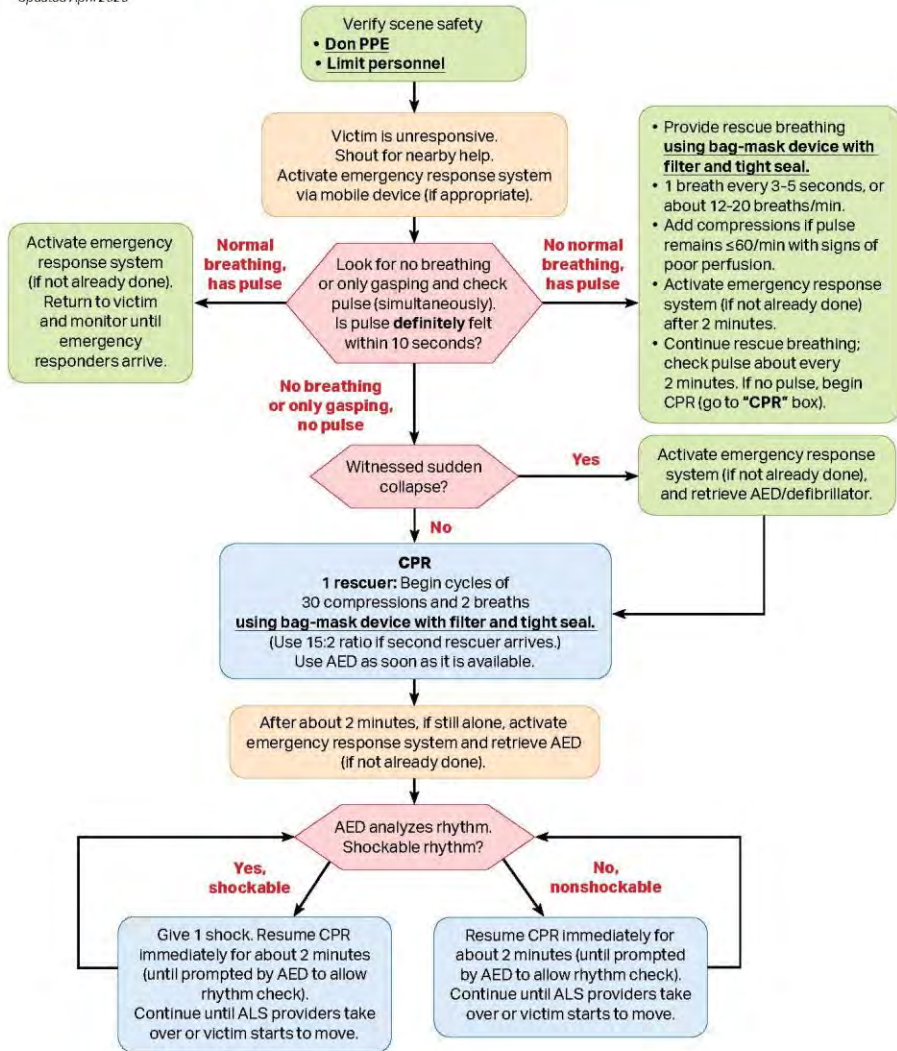


Pediatric BLS Algorithm for Healthcare Providers— 2 or More Rescuers



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