

CUPS Assessment: Cardiopulmonary Failure/Arrest		
Category	Assessment	Actions
Critical	Absent airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=P or U	Perform rapid initial interventions and transport simultaneously; call for ALS backup
Unstable	Compromised airway, breathing, or circulation with altered mental status (AVPU=V or P)	Perform rapid initial interventions and transport simultaneously; call for ALS backup
Potentially unstable	Normal airway, breathing, circulation, and mental status <i>BUT</i> significant mechanism of injury or illness	Perform initial assessment with interventions; transport promptly; begin focused history and physical exam during transport if time allows
Stable	Normal airway, breathing, circulation, and mental status; no significant mechanism of injury or illness	Perform initial assessment with interventions; do focused history and detailed physical exam; routine transport

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