

Pediatric CUPS Assessment			
Category	Assessment	Actions	Example
Critical	Absent airway, breathing, or circulation	Perform rapid initial interventions and transport simultaneously	Severe traumatic injury with respiratory arrest or cardiac arrest
Unstable	Compromised airway, breathing, or circulation with altered mental status	Perform rapid initial interventions and transport simultaneously	Significant injury with respiratory distress, active bleeding, shock; near-drowning; unresponsiveness
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; do focused history and physical exam during transport if time allows	Minor fractures; pedestrian struck by car but with good appearance and normal initial assessment; infant younger than three months with fever
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	Small lacerations, abrasions, or ecchymoses; infant older than three months with fever

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