



General Protocols

Pearls

- **Recommended Exam: Minimal exam if not noted on the specific protocol is vital signs, mental status with GCS, and location of injury or complaint.**
- Any patient contact which does not result in an EMS transport must have a completed disposition form.
- Required vital signs on every patient include blood pressure, pulse, respirations, pain / severity.
- Pulse oximetry and temperature documentation is dependent on the specific complaint.
- A pediatric patient is defined by the Broselow-Luten tape. If the patient does not fit on the tape, they are considered adult.
- Timing of transport should be based on patient's clinical condition and the transport policy.
- Never hesitate to contact medical control for patient who refuses transport.
- Orthostatic vital sign procedure should be performed in situations where volume status is in question.