

Appearance:

Assessment Points:

- Muscle tone
- Body position
- GCS
- AVPU

Abnormal:

- Abnormal or absent cry or speech.
- Decreased response to parents or environmental stimuli.
- Floppy or rigid muscle tone, or not moving.

Normal:

- Normal cry or speech.
- Responds to parents or to environmental stimuli such as lights, keys, or toys.
- Good muscle tone.
- Moves extremities well.

SCRTAC Pediatric Assessment Triangle



Work of Breathing:

Assessment Points:

- Visible movement
- Respiratory effort
- Sounds
- Rate
- Central Color

Abnormal:

- Presence of retractions, nasal flaring, stridor, wheezes, grunting, gasping, or gurgling.
- Respiratory rate outside of normal range.
- Central cyanosis.

Normal:

- Easy, quiet respirations.
- Respiratory rate within normal range.
- No central cyanosis.

Circulation to Skin:

Assessment Points:

- Color
- Obvious bleeding
- Pulse Rate and strength
- Extremity color and temperature
- Capillary refill

Abnormal:

- Cyanosis, mottling, paleness, pallor, or obvious significant bleeding.
- Absent or weak peripheral or central pulses.
- Pulse or systolic BP outside of normal range.
- Capillary refill > 2 seconds with other abnormal findings.

Normal:

- Color appears normal.
- No significant bleeding.
- Capillary refill at palms, soles, forehead, or central body <2 seconds.
- Strong peripheral and central pulses with regular rhythm.