

# Orientation: Basic Emergency Paediatric Skills Checklist

You may wish to utilise these resources for self-education or as a point of care reference tool when working with children in the emergency department. Each topic links to a Queensland Paediatric Emergency Care (QPEC) Skill Sheet. Speak with your emergency department educator or supervisor before getting started and always refer to your hospitals local policies and procedures.

## Suggested reading:

- [Anatomical & Physiological Differences in Children](#)
- [Family Centred Care: Communication Tips & Strategies](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Hospital](#)
- [Observations in Infants & Children](#)

## Initial Assessment:

- [Rapid Assessment: Paediatric Assessment Triangle](#)
- [Primary Survey](#)

## Airway:

- [Airway Manoeuvres](#)
- [Nasopharyngeal Suctioning](#)

## Breathing:

- [Respiratory Assessment](#)
- [High Flow Nasal Therapy \(HFNT\)](#)
- [Bag Valve Mask \(BVM\) Ventilation](#)
- [Bronchiolitis](#)
- [Croup](#)
- [Pre-School Wheeze](#)

## Circulation:

- [Cardiovascular Assessment](#)
- [Hydration Assessment](#)
- [Oral Trial of Fluids](#)
- [Rapid Rehydration](#)
- [Intravenous Fluid Bolus](#)
- [Intravenous Maintenance Fluids](#)
- [Obtaining an ECG - Neonate and Infant](#)
- [Obtaining and ECG - Child](#)



## Disability:

- [Neurological Assessment - Tips in Infants & Children](#)
- [Pain Assessment - using the QUESTT framework](#)

## Exposure:

- [Rashes in Children](#)

## Common Paediatric Procedures:

- [How To Obtain a Blood Glucose Level \(BGL\)](#)
- [Setting Up For A Clean Catch Urine](#)
- [Nasogastric Tube Insertion](#)
- [Peripheral Intravenous Cannula \(PIVC\) Taping](#)
- [Holding for a Lumbar Puncture](#)

## Paediatric Medication Administration:

- [Sucrose 24%](#)
- [Intranasal \(Aerosol\) Medication Administration](#)
- [Ventolin MDI & Burst Therapy](#)
- [Intramuscular Injection](#)
- [Paediatric Medication Resources](#)

The Emergency Care of Children Working Group strongly recommended you enrol in the Queensland Health Emergency Transition Support Program and participate in paediatric courses such as Optimums Core, Optimus Prime and Optimus Pulse. If you have any questions or would like some face to face training discuss what is available to you with your department educator or clinical coach/facilitator.

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- Supporting consumer rights and informed decision making in partnership with healthcare practitioners including the right to decline intervention or ongoing management.
- Advising consumers of their choices in an environment that is culturally appropriate and which enables comfortable and confidential discussion. This includes the use of interpreter services where necessary.
- Ensuring informed consent is obtained prior to delivering care.
- Meeting all legislative requirements and professional standards.
- Applying standard precautions, and additional precautions as necessary, when delivering care.
- Documenting all care in accordance with mandatory and local requirements.

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