



2024 EMSC Crew of the Year

Upcoming Events:

EMSC Advisory Council Meeting

February 6, 2024 at 1:00 PM

5800 W. 10th St, Little Rock, AR 72204
Room 801

Fire/EMS Expo

March 13th-16th

Rogers Convention Center

Nominations for 2024 EMSC Crew of the Year will take place between April 1st and May 31st, 2024. If you would like to submit a nomination for an EMS crew that went above and beyond on a pediatric call between June 2023 and May 2024, please email the nomination to Kellie Tolliver at kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov

Please include the following in the nomination:

- Name of the EMS Service
- Names of the crew
- Date of the call
- Brief narrative about the call

EMSC will be attending the Fire/EMS Expo in Rogers, AR in March 2024 to assist with the Pediatric MCI Drill. If you have not registered yet, please register. There are a lot great presentations this year. There are plenty of classes and presentations for EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedics, Fire/Rescue, and law enforcement.

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Peds Pearls Topic

Adult vs. Pediatric ABCs

Beyond Airway, Breathing, and Circulation

“ABCDEFG... Now I know my ABCs...” This song has been drilled into our heads since, well, since as long as we can remember! And it didn’t end when we started school. We still have to know our ABCs throughout our healthcare careers. Early on while working as a flight medic/RT, I learned to break down the ABCs into adult and pediatric versions.

ABC

Adult ABCs stands for ALWAYS BRING CAMERA! If you have had the experience of flying in a helicopter on the night of a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field, a Green Bay Packers game at Lambeau Field, or even better, a Grateful Dead concert in Las Vegas, it is very likely that before the evening is over, you will have seen some of the most bizarre things in your career.

Legal/Risk Management Note:

Healthcare regulations tend to disagree with the camera concept and suggest, rather strongly, that you stay with the Airway, Breathing, Circulation version learned in CPR class.

Pediatric ABCs are a bit different. ABC stands for APNEA, BRADYCARDIA, CORONER. If you ever have a bradycardic child, check his or her airway. When kids get hypoxic, their heart rate plummets! Hypoxia is the number one reason for bradycardia in a pediatric patient, so chances are the bradycardia problem is respiratory in nature. And if it’s not respiratory, it’s probably respiratory. Remember the American Lung Association’s motto... If you can’t breathe, nothing else matters! So, if the pediatric patient is apneic, check the airway. And if the pediatric patient is bradycardic, check the airway. And if you don’t check the airway, be prepared to call the coroner.

DEFG

If we expand our pediatric ABCs lesson even further, we find the next set of letters. DEFG stands for **DON’T EVER FORGET GLUCOSE!** This is probably the most overlooked lab value in the pediatric population, especially with the littlest ones and the coldest ones. Now you really know your ABCs!



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