# 8.11 PEDIATRIC SHOCK & HYPOTENSION

## BLS Treatment
- Position of comfort.
- NPO
- Assess circulation, airway, breathing, and responsiveness.
- **Oxygen** as indicated.
- Provide **Spinal Motion Restriction** as indicated or position of comfort as indicated.
- Appropriately splint suspected fractures/instability as indicated.
- Bandage wounds/control bleeding as indicated.

## ALS Treatment
Current American Heart Association Guidelines concerning Emergency Cardiac Care assessments and interventions shall always take precedence over local protocols when there is a conflict concerning techniques of resuscitation.

- For hypotension, administer **Normal Saline** bolus.
- Check blood glucose. If blood glucose <60 mg/dl: administer **Dextrose**.
- If no IV or IO access: administer **Glucagon**.

## Compensated Shock:
- Anxiety, agitation, restlessness
- Tachycardia
- Normotensive
- Capillary refill normal to delayed
- Symptoms of allergic reaction
- Pallor, mottling

## Uncompensated Shock:
- Decreased level of consciousness
- Tachycardia to bradycardia
- Hypotensive
- Cyanosis
- Delayed capillary refill
- Inequality of central & distal pulses

## Base Hospital Contact Criteria

**Dopamine**

For shock unresponsive to initial ALS interventions, contact for IV **Dopamine** orders.