

# European Resuscitation Council guidelines 2021: paediatric life support.

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## European Resuscitation Council (ERC)

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## Overview

### Guideline Objective

To provide guidelines on the management of critically ill infants and children, before, during, and after cardiac arrest

### Patient Population

Infants and children requiring life support

**Note:** Guidelines apply to all children, aged 0 to 18 years, except for 'newborns at birth.'

## Recommendations

### Recommendation Statements

Major interventions covered in this guideline include:

- Assessment of seriously ill or injured children
- Management of respiratory failure, status asthmaticus, anaphylaxis, circulatory failure, neurological emergencies, and other medical emergencies
- Paediatric basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS)
- Guidance on defibrillation, oxygenation and ventilation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), recovery position, and extracorporeal life support
- Role of post-resuscitation care

**Note:** Full recommendation statements have not been provided because this guideline does not meet [EGT's systematic review of the evidence criteria](#). Refer to the [original guideline](#) for more information.

## Evidence Rating Scheme

Refer to the original guideline documentation for more information.

## Recommendation Rating Scheme

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### Related Content

## Supporting Documents

- The Original Guideline is also available from the [Resuscitation Journal](#); 2021 Apr.
- [Guideline Translations](#).

## Implementation Tools

- [European Resuscitation Council Guidelines 2021: Executive Summary](#).

- Algorithm Posters:
  - [Paediatric Basic Life Support.](#)
  - [Paediatric Advanced Life Support.](#)
  - [Paediatric Foreign Body Airway Obstruction.](#)
- [Paediatric Life Support 2021: 5 Top Messages Infographic.](#)
- [Paediatrics Video](#); 2021 Mar 29.

## Patient Education

No patient education materials available.

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