



# INITIAL ASSESSMENT



## Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

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### EMT and Paramedic

#### I. Scene Size-up.

- A. Review of Dispatch Information.
- B. Assess Need for Body Substance Isolation.
- C. Assessment of Scene Safety.
- D. Determine Mechanism of Injury.
- E. Determine Number and Location of Patients.
- F. Determine Need for Additional Resources.

#### II. Initial Assessment.

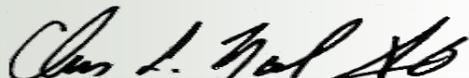
- A. General Impression of Patient.
- B. Assess Mental Status (AVPU) – Maintain Spinal Immobilization PRN.
- C. Assess Airway.
- D. Assess Breathing.
- E. Assess Circulation – Pulse, Major Bleeding, Skin Color and Temperature.
- F. Assess Disability – Movement of Extremities / Defibrillation – VF/VT without pulse.
- G. Expose and Examine Head, Neck, Chest, Abdomen, and Pelvis (check back when patient is rolled on side).
- H. Identify Priority Patients.



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### III. Initial Management

(See [Medical Supportive Care](#) or [Trauma Supportive Care](#)).

### IV. Secondary Assessment.

A. Conduct a Head-to-Toe Survey.

B. Neurological Assessment.

1. Pupillary Response.
2. Glasgow Coma Score.

C. Assess Vital Signs.

1. Respirations.
2. Pulse.
3. Blood Pressure.
4. Capillary Refill.
5. Skin Condition.
  - a. Color.
  - b. Temperature.
  - c. Moisture.

6. Lung sounds.

D. Obtain a Medical History.

1. S - Symptoms - Assessment of Chief Complaint.
  - a. O – Onset and Location.



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- b. P – Provocation.
  - c. Q – Quality.
  - d. R – Radiation.
  - e. R – Referred.
  - f. R – Relief.
  - g. S – Severity.
  - h. T – Time.
- 3. **A** - Allergies.
  - 4. **M** - Medications.
  - 5. **P** - Past Medical History.
  - 6. **L** - Last Oral Intake.
  - 6. **E** - Events Leading to Illness or Injury.

### V. Other Assessment Techniques.

- A. [Cardiac Monitoring.](#)
- B. [Pulse Oximetry.](#)
- C. [Glucose Determination.](#)
- D. Monitor Core Temperature.
- E. [Capnography.](#)



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