

APGAR CHART

SIGN	0	1	2
Heart Rate	Absent	Below 100	Over 100
Respiration (effort)	Absent	Slow and Irregular	Normal Crying
Muscle Tone	Limp	Some flexion - extremities	Active; good motion in extremities
Irritability	No Response	Crying; some motion	Crying; vigorous
Skin Color	Bluish or paleness	Pink or typical newborn color; hands/feet are blue	Pink or typical newborn color; Entire body

ABNORMAL PEDIATRIC VITAL SIGNS

AGE (YEARS)	RR	PULSE	B / P (SYSTOLIC)
< 1 month	< 40 or > 60	< 80 or >160	< 60
1 month - 1 year	< 15 or > 30	< 80 or > 140	< 70
1 year - 10 years	< 12 or > 25	< 60 or > 120	< (70 + 2 x age)
> 10 years	< 10 or > 20	< 50 or > 110	< 90

In frightened or uncooperative children, Respiratory Rate and Pulse may be increased to the abnormal ranges.

Correlate clinical findings with vital signs to make the decision if the patient is stable versus unstable.