


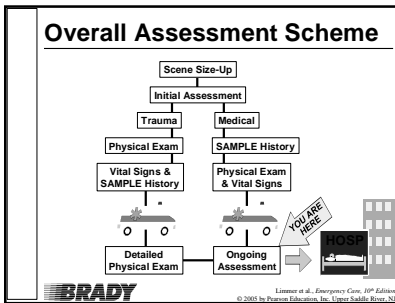
CHAPTER 12

Ongoing Assessment



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Steps of the Ongoing Assessment

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Steps of the Ongoing Assessment

- Repeat initial assessment.
- Reassess and record vital signs.
- Repeat focused assessment.
- Check on treatment in progress.

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Repeat Initial Assessment

- Reassess mental status.
- Maintain open airway.
- Monitor breathing (rate and quality).

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Repeat Initial Assessment

- Reassess pulse (rate and quality).
- Monitor skin (color, temperature, condition).
- Reassess capillary refill in pediatric patients.
- Reevaluate patient's priority.

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Reassess and record vital signs.



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Repeat focused assessment.



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Check interventions.



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Check Interventions

- ☛ Is oxygen delivery adequate?
 - Look at skin color.
- ☛ Are artificial ventilations adequate?
 - Make sure chest rises and falls.
- ☛ Changes in pulse oximetry reading?
 - Make sure local protocols allow its use.

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Check Interventions

- ☛ Are there any signs of bleeding?
 - Look for new blood.
- ☛ Any other conditions or changes?
 - Check splinted extremities for distal pulse, sensation, and movement.

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Observing Trends

- ☛ Trends are changes over time.
- ☛ Changes noted over time are significant (e.g. changes in BP or pulse).
- ☛ EMT may need to adjust or establish new treatments.

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Reassessment


<p>Stable?</p> <p>Reassess at least every 15 minutes.</p>	<p>Unstable?</p> <p>Reassess at least every 5 minutes.</p>
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Review Questions

1. What are the four steps of the ongoing assessment?
2. What interventions should you check, and how should you check them?


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STREET SCENES

- ☛ How does the patient's mental status affect the way you maintain the patient's airway?
- ☛ What questions should you ask the patient and her husband?

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STREET SCENES

- ☛ How should you perform an ongoing assessment on this patient?

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