# Pediatric General Weakness

For non-focal weakness, general malaise, and any nonspecific ‘sick’ symptoms

## History
- Age
- Duration of symptoms
- Severity of symptoms
- Past medical history (e.g., cancer, heart disease, adrenal disease, diabetes)
- Medications
- Recent history of oral intake
- Number of wet diapers

## Signs and Symptoms
- General malaise
- Fatigue
- Isolated or general weakness

### Associated Symptoms (helpful to localize source)
- Cough, chest pain, headache, dysuria, abdominal pain, mental status changes, rash

## Differential
- Infection/sepsis
- Medication/drug/toxin reaction
- Hypothermia/hyperthermia
- Electrolyte imbalance
- Botulism
- Dehydration
- Myasthenia gravis/Guillain-Barre

## Differential Diagnosis

### E (Evaluation)
- Temperature measurement
- Blood glucose analysis
- Cardiac monitor
- Establish IV

### P (Plan)
- If age-dependent hypotensive
- Normal Saline bolus IV/IO
  - May repeat x2

### Pearls
- Obtain an accurate history of formula use, including brand and concentration when made. Bring formula with you to hospital.
- Botulism can be caused by the oral intake of honey in children under the age of 1 year.