

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

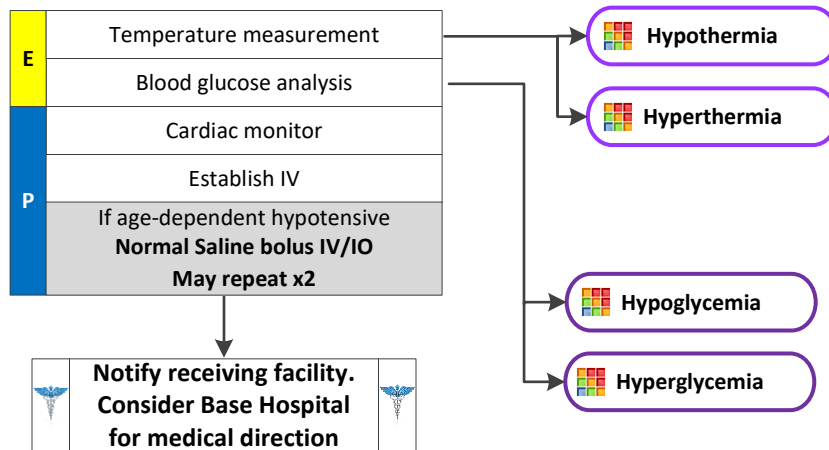
- General malaise
- Fatigue
- Isolated or general weakness

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



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.

