

under pressure



On arrival at A&E, **everyone** should have their **blood pressure** and vital signs recorded.

Toxic shock syndrome (TSS) facts:

- TSS can affect infants, older children and adults. Many cases are diagnosed late
- TSS may follow scalds, wounds, stings, chickenpox, surgery or childbirth. It may also be associated with menstruation and tampon use
- Low blood pressure is seen in all TSS cases

Symptoms include:

- Dizziness and confusion
- High fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Muscle aches
- Rash

Normal values for children vary with age, sex and percentile; however, values for systolic blood pressure are approximately:



Always check paediatric blood pressures.

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Age	Systolic BP (mmHg)	If lower
<18mths	80-95	Suspect Shock
2 yrs	80-100	
5 yrs	90-100	
11 yrs	90-110	
15 yrs	90-120	



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