## **Pediatric Emergencies**

- For these protocols, pediatric patients are defined as children 8 years of age or less
- Procedures for Paramedics are only for the following clinical situations:
  - Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest
  - Cardiac Dysrhythmias (Bradycardia, Supraventricular Tachycardia)
  - Asthma/Acute Bronchospasm
  - Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction
  - Stridor
  - Seizures
  - Pain Management
  - Sedation
  - Altered Mental Status/Overdose
  - Diabetic Emergencies
  - Major Trauma
  - Hypoperfusion
- In all other clinical situations you must contact Medical Control
- Have a Broselow Pediatric Tape or similar device available to accurately determine the correct medication dosage
- Normal Vital Signs for Infants and Children:

Age	Respirations	Pulse	Systolic BP
Newborn	30 – 60	100 - 180	>60
Infant (< 1 year)	30 - 60	100 - 160	>60
Toddler $(1 - 3 \text{ years})$	24 – 40	90-150	>70
Preschooler (3 – 5 years)	22 - 34	80-140	>75
School-aged (6 – 8 years)	18 – 30	70-120	>80