

## The Initial Assessment

<p><b>Components of Initial Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Impression</li> <li>• Assess Mental Status</li> <li>• Assess Airway</li> <li>• Assess Breathing</li> <li>• Assess Circulation</li> <li>• Identify Priority Patients</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Form a General Impression</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental/scene clues</li> <li>• Chief complaint</li> <li>• Age</li> <li>• Sex</li> <li>• Look/listen/smell</li> <li>• Obvious life threats?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Assess Mental Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>A</u>lert</li> <li>• <u>V</u>erbal stimulus</li> <li>• <u>P</u>ainful stimulus</li> <li>• <u>U</u>nresponsive</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Assess the Airway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is patient able to maintain their own airway?</li> <li>• If unable to, is patient a medical or trauma patient?</li> </ul>	
<p>Open and Maintain the Airway</p>	





