

Emergency Medicine Pearls - Syncope

06/15/2026 to 06/15/2028

Enduring Material

Purpose:

Emergency Medicine Pearls offers concise, up-to-date clinical guidance on common patient presentations frequently encountered in the Emergency Department. Each topic is developed collaboratively by a multidisciplinary team within the ED service line to support timely, evidence-informed decision-making. This module focuses on Syncope, highlighting key assessment strategies, differential diagnoses, and management considerations relevant to emergency care providers.

Objectives:

- 1 Differentiate between reflex, orthostatic, and cardiac causes of syncope using clinical features and patient history
- 2 Interpret the HINTS examination correctly in symptomatic patients to distinguish central (stroke) from peripheral causes of acute vestibular syndrome
- 3 Apply evidence-based strategies, including focused history-taking, EKG interpretation, and orthostatic vital signs, to evaluate patients presenting with syncope.
- 4 Integrate appropriate diagnostic decision-making to reduce unnecessary testing and improve patient safety in the emergency department setting
- 5 Communicate findings effectively across the interprofessional team to support timely, evidence-based evaluation and disposition of patients with syncope

Target Audience:

Physician, Nurse - RN, EMS, Nurse - Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Nurse -LPN/LVN

For successful completion:

- Read Document
- Complete post-test
- Complete evaluation

Accreditation & Credit Designation:

Accreditation



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Additional Information:

Feedback person for this educational activity is:

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