

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) & Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD) Screening

- SCA and SCD screening should be performed for all children (athlete or not) at the same time as
 the Pediatric Physical Examination or at a minimum of every 3 years or on entry into middle or
 junior high school and into high school.
- AAP recommended 4 questions directed toward SCA and SCD detection for which a positive response suggested an increased risk for SCA and SCD

A positive response from the 4 questions below or an abnormal ECG should prompt further				
investigation that may include referral to a pediatric cardiologist or pediatric				
electrophysiologist.				
1.	Have you ever fainted, passed out, or had an unexplained seizure suddenly and without warning, especially during exercise or in response to sudden loud noises, such as doorbells, alarm clocks, and ringing telephones?		○ Yes	○No
2.	Have you ever had exercise-related chest pain or shortness of breath?			○ No
3.	Has anyone in your immediate family (parents, grandparents, siblings) or other, more distant relatives (aunts, uncles, cousins) died of heart problems or had an unexpected sudden death before age 50? This would include unexpected drownings, unexplained auto crashes in which the relative was driving, or SIDS.			○ No
4.	4. Are you related to anyone with HCM or hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy, Marfan syndrome, ACM, LQTS, short QT syndrome, BrS, or CPVT or anyone younger than 50 years with a pacemaker or implantable defibrillator?		○ Yes	○ No
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Provider Name: Provider Signature:		Patient Name:		
Assessment Date:		Date of Birth:		

References:

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