

# Initial Assessment (Primary)

**SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**  
(Look Up, Down, All Around)

**B**ody **S**ubstance **I**solation

Scene Size-up

**G**eneral Impression/  
**L**ife Threatening conditions

Patient rapport/ consent  
Chief Complaint

Determine responsiveness

**A**irway

**B**reathing

**C**irculation

**D**isabilities / Deformities

**E**xpose Chief Complaint

**F**ormulate Field Impression

**G**o: Transport Decision

**P**ersonal, partner, patient safety  
**E**nvironmental hazards  
**N**umber of patients  
**M**OI (trauma) / **N**OI (medical)  
**A**dditional resources/ equipment  
**N**eed for SMR / extrication

**A**lert (person, place, time)  
**V**erbal (voice only)  
**P**ainful (interdigital pressure)  
**U**nresponsive (C - A - B)

**CHECK:** - Rate (rapid / slow)  
- Depth (shallow / deep)  
- Breath sounds  
Oxygenation (O2 lpm via device)  
Ventilation (BVM)

- Sick vs Not Sick  
- Past, Present, Future (interactions)  
- Identify Priority Status

Patent or Obstructed:  
- FBAO maneuvers  
- Suctioning

**C**apillary refill  
**O**bvious bleeding  
**P**ulse: - Rate (rapid / slow)  
- Quality (strong / weak)  
**S**kin signs

Level (ALS vs BLS)  
Mode (Code 2 vs 3)  
Destination (M.A.R.)