



# Amherst Fire District Procedure

## Assessment - Adult

### **Clinical Indications:**

- Any patient requesting a medical evaluation that is too large to be measured with a Broselow Resuscitation Tape.

### **Procedure:**

1. Scene size-up, including universal precautions, scene safety, environmental hazards assessment, bystander safety, and patient/caregiver interaction
2. Assess need for additional resources.
3. Initial assessment includes a general impression of what is wrong with the patient along with the status of the patient's airway, breathing, and circulation.
4. Assess mental status (e.g., AVPU) and disability (e.g., GCS).
5. Control major hemorrhage and assess overall priority of patient.
6. Perform a focused history and physical based on patient's chief complaint.
7. Assess need for critical interventions.
8. Complete critical interventions and perform a complete secondary exam to include a baseline set of vital signs as directed by protocol.
9. Maintain an on-going assessment throughout transport, to include patient response/possible complications of interventions, need for additional interventions, and assessment of evolving patient complaints/conditions.

### **Certification Requirements:**

- Successfully complete an annual skill evaluation inclusive of the indications, contraindications, technique, and possible complications of the procedure.