

Paediatric Normal Values - Anaesthesia²⁰¹⁰

All codes listed in green are Intersurgical product codes

Age	Weight (kg)	Height or length (cm)	Anaesthetic facemask size	Oropharyngeal airway size (ISO) *	LM size	LM cuff maximum inflation value (ml)	i-gel size	Tracheal tube internal diameter (mm) **	Heart rate (per min)	Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	Respiratory rate (per min)	Tidal volume (ml)	Intravenous maintenance fluid (ml/hr) ***	Blood volume (ml)	Acceptable haematocrit	Breathing system HMEF	Anaesthetic circuit	Age				
Newborn	3	49	0 1127	00 (5.0) 1110050	1 8001	< 4	1 8201	3 uncuffed	110 to 160	70 to 90	30 to 40	21	12	300	≥0.35	N/A	Jackson-Rees T-piece with 0.5 litre reservoir bag (2121, 2122 - with APL valve) in anaesthetic room and theatre (alternatively use a 15 mm circle system [2142] in theatre)	Newborn				
Newborn	3.5	50						25				14	350	Newborn								
3 weeks	4	53						28				16	380	3 weeks								
5 weeks	4.5	55						32				18	420	5 weeks								
8 weeks	5	57	1 1128	0 (5.5) 1110055	1½ 8015	< 7	1½ 8215	3.5 uncuffed	110 to 160	70 to 90	30 to 40	35	20	450	≥0.30	Clear-Therm Micro 1441		8 weeks				
3 months	6	60						42				24	480	3 months								
5 months	7	65						49				28	560	5 months								
7 months	8	68						56				32	640	7 months								
10 months	9	74	2 1129	1 (6.5) 1111065	2 8002	< 10	2 8202	4 uncuffed	100 to 150	80 to 95	25 to 35	70	40	800	≥0.25	Clear-Therm Mini 1831		10 months				
1 year	10	78						77				42	880	1 year								
1½ years	11	83						84				44	960	1½ years								
2 years	12	87						91				46	1040	2 years								
2½ years	13	91						95 to 140	80 to 100	25 to 30	98	48	1120	≥0.2	Clear-Therm Mini 1831	3 years						
3 years	14	95									105	50	1200			3½ years						
3½ years	15	99									112	52	1280			4 years						
4 years	16	103									119	54	1360			4½ years						
4½ years	17	106						80 to 120	90 to 110	20 to 25	126	56	1440	≥0.2	Clear-Therm Mini 1831	5 years						
5 years	18	109									133	58	1520			5½ years						
5½ years	19	112									140	60	1550			6 years						
6 years	20	116									161	63	1725			7 years						
7 years	23	122						3 1123	1.5 (7.0) 1111570	2½ 8025	< 14	2½ 8225	6 uncuffed	80 to 120	90 to 110	20 to 25	182	66	1950	≥0.2	Clear-Therm 3 1541	8 years
8 years	26	128											203				69	2175	9 years			
9 years	29	133											224				72	2400	10 years			
10 years	32	139											245				75	2625	11 years			
11 years	35	144	4 1124	2 (8.0) 1112080	3 8003	< 20	3 8203	7 cuffed	60 to 100	100 to 120	15 to 20	273	79	2730	≥0.2	Clear-Therm 3 1541	12 years					
12 years	39	149						308				84	3080	13 years								
13 years	44	155						350				90	3500	14 years								
14 years	50	161						378				94	3780	15 years								
15 years	54	165						406				98	4060	16 years								
16 years	58	168																				

Ambient theatre temperature to be a minimum of 21 degrees Celsius. For young children and babies undergoing surgery or resuscitation, additional warming with a Bair Hugger® or similar device is essential.

* The correct size of a Guedel oropharyngeal airway should lie from the centre of the incisors to the angle of the mandible. ** When using an uncuffed tracheal tube, ensure there is a small audible leak present at 20 cm H₂O positive airway pressure.

***** Intravenous maintenance fluid recommendations for previously well children aged from one month to 16 years old**

The majority of children may be safely administered sodium chloride 0.45% with glucose (2.5 or 5%). Do not use sodium chloride 0.18% with glucose 4%. Some children at high risk of hyponatraemia should only receive isotonic fluids (see list opposite).

Some acutely ill children with increased anti-diuretic hormone (ADH) secretion (e.g. post-operative patients or those with intracranial infections or head injuries) may benefit from their maintenance fluid being restricted to two-thirds normal recommended volume.

To avoid dangerous hypo or hypernatraemia, monitor the child's weight and calculate fluid balance. Use a volumetric pump. Check plasma electrolyte and glucose concentration before and regularly throughout intravenous therapy.

Consider adding potassium 40 mmol/l to maintenance fluids once plasma potassium levels are known.

Children requiring both maintenance fluids and replacement of ongoing losses should receive a single isotonic fluid.

Children who should only receive isotonic fluids include those who:

- are peri- or post-operative
- have low plasma sodium
- have CNS infection or a head injury
- have sepsis
- have a self-wasting syndromes

Examples of isotonic fluids are: sodium chloride 0.9%, sodium chloride 0.9% with 5% glucose or Hartmann's solution.

For further information regarding the treatment of shock and the replacement of pre-existing fluid deficit, consult the NPSA website, APLS manual and other appropriate resources.

- require the replacement of ongoing losses
- have intravascular volume depletion or hypotension
- have bronchiolitis
- have excessive gastrointestinal losses
- have a chronic condition such as diabetes, cystic fibrosis or a pituitary deficit

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Recommendations correct at time of publication.

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