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## **Preview Procedure**

## **Blood Pressure - Age Specific Parameters**

## Introduction

Range of normal blood pressure varies widely, and emotional upset will cause an increase in systolic blood pressure. A difference of 5 to 10 mm Hg between arms is common. Systolic pressure in lower extremities is usually 10 mm Hg higher than reading in upper extremities. Factors in assessing blood pressures in children include gender and height.

| Age                        | Systolic            | Diastolic  |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Birth (12 hours, 3 kg)     | 50 to 70 mm Hg      | 25 to 45 mm Hg   |
| Neonate (96 hours)         | 60 to 90 mm Hg      | 20 to 60 mm Hg   |
| 6 months to 1 year         | 87 to 105 mm Hg     | 53 to 66 mm Hg   |
| 1 year                     | 85 to 98 mm Hg      | 37 to 54 mm Hg   |
| 2 years                    | 88 to 100 mm Hg     | 42 to 56 mm Hg   |
| 4 years                    | 91 to 103 mm Hg     | 50 to 64 mm Hg   |
| 6 years                    | 94 to 107 mm Hg     | 55 to 69 mm Hg   |
| 8 years                    | 98 to 110 mm Hg     | 58 to 71 mm Hg   |
| 10 years                   | 102 to 114 mm Hg    | 60 to 73 mm Hg   |
| 12 years                   | 105 to 118 mm Hg    | 62 to 75 mm Hg   |
| 14 years                   | 109 to 121 mm Hg    | 63 to 77 mm Hg   |
| 16 years                   | 111 to 123 mm Hg    | 65 to 80 mm Hg   |
| Adult (18 years and older) | less than 120 mm Hg | less than 80 mm Hg pulse pressure may increase in geriatric patients (65+) |