

Pediatric Syncope



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Question # 1

- **What happened?**

Question # 2

- **Is this true syncope?**

Question # 3

- **Was there loss of consciousness?**
 - **For exactly how long?**
 - **Was there post-event confusion?**

Question # 4

- **Does the patient express the feeling of “dizziness” or use similar terminology?**
 - **Vertigo**
 - **Pre-syncope**
 - **Dysequilibrium**
 - **Lightheadedness**

Question # 5

- **What was the context?**
 - **Exercise**
 - **Out of the blue**
 - **Prolonged standing**
 - **Exposure to typical trigger (blood, cough, valsalva, etc.)**
 - **“Audience”**

Question # 6

- **Were there associated symptoms?**
 - **CP, SOB, palpitations**
 - **Abnormal movements (especially seizure-like), tongue-biting, incontinence**
 - **Nausea, flushing, sweating**

Question # 7

- **Is there family history of:**
 - **Fainting**
 - **Sudden/early/unexplained death**
 - **Heart disorders**

Physical Exam

- **Special attention to cardiovascular and neuro exam**

EKG