

Subject: Scope of Practice/Procedure - Paramedic
Glucose Test Strip Protocol

Associated Policies: 5306, 5334

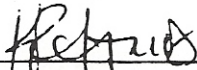
- I. Indications
 - A. Suspected diabetic emergencies.
 - B. Any coma of unknown etiology.
 - C. Status Epilepticus of uncertain etiology.
 - D. Syncope, stroke, or seizures with focal deficit.
 - E. Any alteration in mental status.

- II. Therapeutic Effects
 - A. Gives estimate of blood glucose level.

- III. Contraindications
 - A. Absolute:
 - 1. None.
 - B. Relative:
 - 1. None.

- IV. Adverse Effects
 - A. None.

- V. Procedure
 - A. Use glucose test strip as instructed by manufacturer on blood sample taken from venipuncture or finger stick for test purposes.
 - B. Electronic glucometers may be used at the discretion of the provider and the base hospital.

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