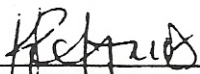


Subject: Treatment Guidelines – BLS
Oral Glucose Protocol

Associated Policies:

- I. Indications
 - A. Altered patient with intact gag reflex.
 - B. Known or suspected history of diabetes.
 - C. Signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia (insulin shock):
 - 1. Sudden onset.
 - 2. Pale/sweaty skin.
 - 3. May complain of hunger.
 - D. ETA of ALS personnel or arrival at emergency department exceeds fifteen (15) minutes.
- II. Contraindications
 - A. Patient is unconscious.
 - B. Patient unable to swallow on command.
- III. Procedure
 - A. Administer oxygen per Oxygen Policy.
 - B. After patient has demonstrated ability to swallow on command administer one (1) tube of commercially prepared glucose paste.
 - C. If some improvement but patient remains altered, consider repeating oral glucose.
- IV. Precaution
 - A. If patient's level of consciousness becomes compromised during or after procedure, place in left lateral decubitus position.
 - B. Suction, as needed, and be prepared for vomiting.

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