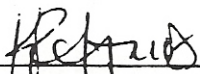


Subject: Treatment Guidelines – ALS Personnel
Syncope/Near Syncope

Associated Policies: 5323, 5334

- I. Priorities
 - A. ABC's.
 - B. Assess level of consciousness.
 - C. Evaluation of cardiac rhythm, precipitating factors, associated symptoms, medical history/medications.
 - D. IV fluids, positioning for hypotension.
 - E. Transport Code 3, if deteriorating vital signs or level of consciousness. Code 2, for most patients.

- II. Syncope/Near Syncope
 - Episode of brief loss of consciousness, dizziness. Often postural, following Valsalva maneuver (defecation), or during early stages of pregnancy. Patients may have cardiac history.
 - A. Ensure patent airway.
 - B. Oxygen therapy.
 - C. Cardiac monitor - treat dysrhythmias per specific treatment guideline.
 - D. Supine position.
 - E. IV access TKO. (Blood draw for labs.)
 - F. Determine blood glucose.
 - G. Contact base hospital.

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