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ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS

- I. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- II. PURPOSE: To serve as the treatment standard for EMT-Is and EMT-Ps in treating patients.
- III. PROTOCOL:

Characterized by a Glasgow coma score less than 15, confusion or unconsciousness.

STANDING ORDERS

ABC's

OXYGEN:

MONITOR:

Treat rhythm as appropriate.

IV/IO ACCESS

TKO. If systolic BP less than 90, give 250 ml fluid boluses to systolic BP 90-100.
Reassess the patient after each bolus.

DRAW BLOOD SAMPLE: Test for glucose.

DEXTROSE:

25 gms IV push – if blood glucose less than 75 mg/dl. May repeat once. Recheck blood glucose in 5 minutes.

GLUCAGON:

1 unit IM – if no IV access immediately available and blood glucose less than 75 mg/dl.
May repeat once. Recheck blood glucose in 5 minutes.

NALOXONE:

2 mg SQ/IM/IV/ET only if respiratory rate less than 10/minute or systolic BP <90 AND narcotic overdose is suspected (e.g. pinpoint pupils, track marks, drug paraphernalia, history of narcotic use, etc.). May repeat twice in 3 minute intervals SQ/IM/IV/ET if respiratory rate less than 10/minute persists or reoccurs.

BASE PHYSICIAN ORDERS

RELEASE-AT-SCENE

Competent adults with normal vital signs, blood sugar, and mental status 10 minutes after ALS intervention, may be released if a cause of their condition and its solution has been identified. Refer to Refusal of EMS Service Policy 570.35.