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**PEDIATRIC 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: Characterize by a Glasgow Coma Score less than 15, mental confusion, unconsciousness.  
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**STANDING ORDERS**

**ABC**

**~~OXYGEN~~**

**~~MONITOR~~**

Treat rhythm as appropriate.

**~~DRAW BLOOD~~**

Test for glucose.

**IV/IO ACCESS**

TKO with microdrip tubing and volume control chamber

**~~DEXTROSE~~**

If blood glucose less than 75mg/dl: D50W 1 ml/kg IV for patient over 2 years or D25W 2 ml/kg IV for patients under 2 years. May repeat once. Give oral glucose to patients who are awake and have an intact gag reflex. Recheck blood glucose in 5 minutes.

**~~GLUCAGON~~**

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

**~~CONSIDER CAUSE~~**

- Shock - refer to Non-Traumatic Shock Policy 555.41
- Toxic Exposure - refer to Policies 555.51-555.56
- Head Trauma - refer to Head-Neck-Facial Trauma Policy 555.84

**~~NALOXONE~~**

0.1 mg/kg IV/IO/ET/SQ/IM, if mental status and respiratory effort are depressed and the child is not a newborn and there is a strong suspicion of opiate overdose. Maximum single dose 2 mg. May repeat once in 3 minutes if partial response to treatment.