

Subject: Treatment Guidelines – BLS
Altered Level of Consciousness

Associated Policies: 6030, 6032, 6037

- I. Priorities
 - A. ABC's.
 - B. Oxygen Administration per Policy # 6030 .
 - C. Gather patient history.
 - D. Determine blood glucose if approved agency.
 - E. Communicate with transporting ambulance or base hospital.

- II. Altered Level of Consciousness
 - A. Open and maintain airway.
 - B. When traumatic injury is ruled out and ventilatory support is not required, place patient in recovery position.
 - C. Suction airway as needed.
 - D. Administer oxygen per policy.
 - E. Use Pulse Oximetry when available.
 - F. Perform secondary survey. Gather patient history.
 - G. Obtain blood glucose per Blood Glucose Policy # 5334.
 - H. Administer oral glucose according to Oral Glucose Policy # 6032 if blood sugar is less than 70 mg/dL if patient is able to swallow on command.

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