

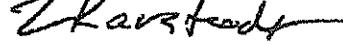
Subject: Treatment Guidelines – ALS
Gastrointestinal Bleeding

Associated Policies:

- I. Priorities
 - A. ABC's.
 - B. Identify signs of shock.
 - C. Identify signs of active critical bleeding – Vomiting fresh blood (Hematemesis), passing of fresh blood in feces (Hematochezia) or both.
 - D. Obtain medical history including of previous GI bleeding, cirrhosis and current medications.
 - E. Identify additional signs of bleeding source (upper or lower GI bleeding) "Coffee ground" emesis, or melena.
 - F. Rapid transport, if unconscious or conscious with progressive symptoms.

- II. Gastrointestinal Bleeding
 - A. Ensure patent airway. Have suction ready for active hematemesis.
 - B. Oxygen per Policy # 6030.
 - C. IV access with large gauge catheter fluid bolus 250cc-500cc for hypotension. If time allows obtain a second IV.
 - D. Zofran per Policy # 5438 for nausea and/or vomiting.
 - E. Notify receiving hospital early for unstable patients with signs of active bleeding.

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