



INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY POLICY AND PROTOCOL MANUAL

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ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS - PEDIATRIC (Less than 15 years of age)

I. FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS

- Patient exhibits inappropriate behavior for age.
- History or observation of an Apparent Life-Threatening Event (ALTE).

II. BLS INTERVENTIONS

- Assess environment and determine possible causes for illness.
- Spinal motion restriction, if clinically indicated.
- Oxygen therapy, if clinically indicated.
- Airway management, as indicated (OPA/NPA, BVM ventilation).
- Obtain and assess blood glucose level. If indicated, administer Glucose - Oral per ICEMA Reference #11010 - Medication - Standard Orders.
- If suspected narcotic overdose with severely decreased respiratory drive, administer Naloxone per ICEMA Reference #11010 - Medication - Standard Orders.
- Obtain patient temperature. Begin cooling measures if temperature is elevated or warming measures if temperature is decreased.

III. LIMITED ALS (LALS) INTERVENTIONS

- Perform activities identified in the BLS Interventions.
- Obtain vascular access.
- For symptomatic hypotension with poor perfusion, consider fluid bolus of 20 ml/kg of NS not to exceed 300 ml NS.
- Obtain and assess blood glucose level. If indicated, administer:
 - Dextrose per ICEMA Reference #11010 - Medication - Standard Orders.
 - May repeat blood glucose level. Repeat Dextrose per ICEMA Reference #11010 - Medication - Standard Orders if indicated.
 - If unable to establish an IV, consider Glucagon per ICEMA Reference #11010 - Medication - Standard Orders.

IV. ALS INTERVENTIONS

- Perform activities identified in the BLS and LALS Interventions.
- Establish advanced airway as indicated per ICEMA Reference #11020 - Procedure - Standard Orders.

- Place on cardiac monitor.
- Base hospital physician may order additional medication dosages and additional fluid boluses.

V. REFERENCES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
11010	Medication - Standard Orders
11020	Procedure - Standard Orders