

ALTERED LEVEL of CONSCIOUSNESS (P20)

Characterized by a Glasgow coma score of < 15, mental confusion, unresponsive.

	F	E	O	P	D
ASSESSMENT	X	X	X	X	
BLS AIRWAY: okay if airway patent. Support ventilations with appropriate airway adjuncts.	X	X	X	X	
SUPRAGLOTTIC AIRWAY: if GCS is < 8 and not rapidly improving, consider SGA.				X	
PULSE OXIMETRY: apply and monitor.		X	X	X	
CAPNOGRAPHY: apply and monitor if SGA has been placed.				X	
OXYGEN: if pulse oximetry < 94% or signs of respiratory distress or hypoperfusion.	X	X	X	X	
ECG MONITOR: lead placement may be delegated. Treat as indicated.				X	
VASCULAR ACCESS: IV/IO, rate as indicated.				X	
TEST FOR GLUCOSE		X	X	X	
ORAL GLUCOSE: consider if conscious with an intact gag reflex, if blood sugar < 70 mg/dL.		X	X	X	
D10: 2-4 mL/kg IV/IO if blood sugar < 70 mg/dL for age > 28 days old or 2 mL/kg IV/IO if blood sugar < 40 mg/dL age ≤ 28 days old. Recheck blood glucose 10 minutes post infusion and repeat as needed.				X	
CONSIDER					
NALOXONE: one spray pre-packaged IN (typically 2 – 4 mg) for respiratory depression. If opioid overdose is suspected, may repeat every 2 – 3 minutes in alternating nostrils, to a total of 12 mg. Consider alternate cause of obtundation/respiratory depression if ineffective.		X	X	X	
NALOXONE: 0.1 mg/kg IN/IM/IV/IO if mental status and respiratory effort are depressed and the child is not a newborn and there is a suspicion of opioid overdose. Maximum single dose 2 mg. Repeat every 5 minutes if indicated.			X	X	
CONSIDER CAUSES					
NON-TRAUMATIC SHOCK P40 and TRAUMA AND TRAUMATIC SHOCK P82 POISONING P50 OVERDOSE P51 Head Trauma - refer TRAUMA P82					

EFFECTIVE: November 1, 2023
Provider Key: F = First Responder/EMR
P = Paramedic

E = EMT O = EMT Local Optional SOP
D = Base Hospital Physician Order Required