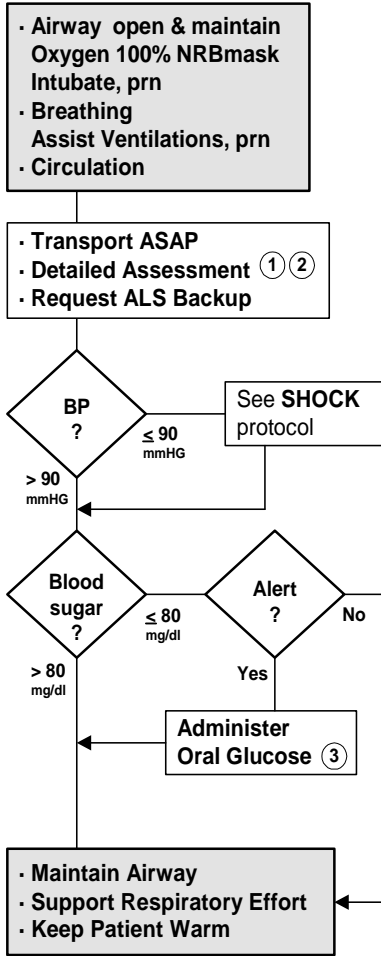


Altered Mental Status Coma

BLS Protocol



- Possible causes:**
- Head Injury
 - Cardiac Arrest
 - Diabetes
 - Seizure
 - Overdose
 - Hypertension

- Document:**
- Glasgow Coma Scale
 - Blood Sugar
 - SpO2
 - IV Fluid Totals
 - Medical History
 - Exam
 - Vital Signs
 - Cardiac Rhythm

Glasgow Coma Scale		
Eye	Spontaneous	4
	To Voice	3
	To Pain	2
	None	1
Best Verbal Response	Oriented	5
	Confused	4
	Inappropriate words	3
	Incomprehensible words	2
Best Motor Response	None	1
	Obeys Commands	6
	Localizes Pain	5
	Withdraws (Pain)	4
	Flexion	3
	Extension	2
	None	1

1 Detailed Assessment: Document **Glasgow Coma Scale**. Check odor on breath. Look for Medical Alert tags, needle tracks, and evidence of trauma.
 2 Observe environment closely for signs of potential overdose.
 3 THE PATIENT MUST BE ALERT and have an intact gag reflex before oral Glucose can be administered. Oral Glucose may be given as a glass of sweetened juice or **Glucose Oral Paste 12.5 g PO**.

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