

ALTERED MENTAL STATUS

UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

Known Diabetic

Trauma Related

- If patient able to swallow water and gag reflex intact, administer glucose paste, juice, non diet soda, milk, candy, or other type of glucose
- Patient not cleared to refuse transport unless A&O X4 and blood glucose reading is above 60 mg/dl

- Full Spinal Precautions
- Assess for other injuries
- Consider medical cause for patient's altered mental status

Possible Causes

Consider AEIOUTIPS:

- Alcohol
- Epilepsy
- Insulin
- Overdose
- Uremia
- Infection
- Psychiatric
- Stroke or Cardiovascular

Other Considerations: Hypoxia, Carbon Monoxide or other toxic exposures