

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES

UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety – Consider Need for Law Enforcement
- PPE
- ABCs
- Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

- **Safety is the first priority - Consider retreat or need for Law Enforcement if patient is violent or threatening.**
- If necessary, restrain patient per San Luis Obispo Policy No. 118 to protect patient or first responders. (Restraints are to be used only in situations where the patient is potentially violent and is exhibiting behavior that is a danger to self or others)
- Aggressive or violent behavior may be a symptom of medical conditions such as head trauma, alcohol, drug-related problems, metabolic disorders, psychiatric disorders, or stress
- *Assessment* – Setting/History of event, Trauma, drug/alcohol ingestion, Past Medical History, Neuro deficits, Temperature
- Treat injuries as appropriate
- Transport

Considerations

- *Differential Diagnosis* – Mnemonic: AEIOUTIPS - for causes of ALOC
- *Medical Emergencies* including CVA, Diabetic Problem, Seizure, Syncope, Brain Tumors; Environmental factors, Emotional states
- Address patient in a calm, quiet manner
- Complete, thorough documentation in PCR