(FAINTING) SYNCOPE EPISODE

Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

This protocol should be used for patients with a chief complaint of syncopal episode.

Consider history and possibility of dysrhythmia, medication side effects, glucose imbalance, inner ear disorders, CVA, TIA, and MI.

Supportive Care

1. Medical Supportive Care (refer to other protocols as appropriate). Treat underlying cause; if it can be determined (see above).

2. All patients with syncopal episode should be transported to the hospital via ambulance.

ALS Level 1

2. Perform glucose test with finger stick.

4. Perform 12 lead ECG and transmit to destination hospital, if available.

5. Obtain IV access.

ALS Level 2 (Physician Authorization Required)

None

Notes

a. If acute coronary syndrome is suspected, see Chest Pain- Suspected MI.