



DIABETIC EMERGENCIES



Escambia County, Florida – 1st Responder Medical Protocol

This protocol is to be used for those patients whose blood sugar is low or suspected of being low.

ASSESSMENT

- A. ABC's (See [General Supportive Care Protocol](#)).
- B. Initial Assessment (See [Physical Assessment](#)).
- C. SAMPLE
- D. Determine:
 - 1. When did patient last take his/her diabetic medication?
 - 2. Has patient eaten?
 - When?
 - 3. Has patient had a change in their normal level of consciousness?
 - 4. Has this happened before?

TREATMENT

- A. Oxygen as per [General Supportive Care Protocol](#) in preparation for the arrival of the advanced life support unit.
- B. Place in position of comfort and safety.
- C. Observe carefully, patient may seize if hypoglycemic.
- D. If patient is unconscious:
 - 1. Advise EMS immediately



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2. Maintain open airway.
 3. Monitor ABC's.
- F. Vital signs every 3 - 5 minutes.

REPORT - Report to EMS Crew

- A. Report as indicated in [General Supportive Care Protocol](#)).
- B. Additional information listed above regarding taking of medicines and ingestion of food.

Notes:

Under **NO CONDITIONS** are First Responders **ALLOWED** to test patients blood sugar. This is considered an ALS skill in the State of Florida.



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