

ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL GLUCOSE BLS PROCEDURE

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

INDICATIONS

- Patients with ALOC and / or suspected hypoglycemia as indicated by the following symptoms:
 - Diabetic history
 - Abnormal or combative behavior
 - Pale, moist skin

EQUIPMENT

- Oral glucose and/ or juices that contain sugar

PROCEDURE

- Responsive patients with a gag reflex:
 - Give sweetened fluids (orange/ fruit juice) to drink
 - Do not use “diet” preparations as they do not contain sugar
- Lethargic patients, not following commands and unable to drink fluids:
 - Place patient in left or right lateral position
 - Place **Glucose paste** 30 gm PO between the dependent cheek and gum
 - Monitor airway, being prepared to suction if necessary
- Transfer patient to higher level of care as soon as possible