

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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Subject:	Basic Life Support (BLS) Protocols SYNCOPE (Any Transient Loss of Consciousness)	
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I. TREATMENT

- A. ABCs – Assessment and treatment.
- B. Oxygen low flow 6 liters/minute nasal cannula. 2 liters/minute via nasal cannula if history of COPD.
- C. Oral glucose – If the patient has an altered mental status, test gag reflex. If patient is conscious and has a gag reflex and is diabetic and takes insulin or oral hypoglycemic agents.

NOTE: First have patient swallow, then have patient swallow a test dose of water. If the patient passes the test, then administer oral glucose.

DOSE: Oral glucose may be given as orange juice sweetened with sugar, regular soft drinks or candy, or oral glucose paste may be utilized.

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