County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department
Division: Emergency Medical Services Agency

after admin - check a blood sugar prior

As needed

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT	
ADULT	PEDIATRIC (≤34 kg)
BLS	
<ul> <li>Universal Protocol #601</li> <li>Administer O<sub>2</sub> as clinical symptoms indicate (see notes below)</li> <li>Pulse oximetry</li> <li>Patients with O<sub>2</sub> Sat ≥ 94% without signs or symptoms of hypoxia or respiratory compromise should not receive O<sub>2</sub></li> <li>When applying O<sub>2</sub> use the simplest method to maintain O<sub>2</sub> Sat ≥ 94%</li> <li>Do not withhold O<sub>2</sub> if patient is in respiratory distress</li> </ul>	Same as Adult (except for newborns)  Newborn (< 1 day) follow AHA guidelines – Newborn Protocol #651
<ul> <li>Foreign Body/Airway Obstruction</li> <li>Use current BLS choking procedures</li> <li>Basic airway adjuncts and suctioning as indicated and tolerated</li> </ul>	
BLS Elective Skills	
<ul> <li>Moderate to Severe Respiratory Distress</li> <li>CPAP as needed – CPAP procedure #703</li> </ul>	CPAP not used for patients ≤34 kg
ALS Standing Orders	
<ul> <li>Foreign Body/Airway Obstruction         If obstruction not relieved with BLS maneuvers         Visualize and remove obstruction with Magill forceps         If obstruction persists consider – Needle Cricothyrotomy Procedure #704         Upon securing airway monitor O<sub>2</sub> Sat and ETCO<sub>2</sub> – Capnography Procedure #701     </li> <li>Endotracheal intubation – as needed to control airway – Procedure #717</li> <li>Supraglottic Airway – as needed to control airway if indicated – Procedure #718</li> <li>Needle thoracostomy with symptoms of tension pneumothorax – Needle Thoracostomy Procedure #705</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Foreign Body/Airway Obstruction         If obstruction not relieved with BLS maneuvers         Visualize and remove obstruction with Magill forceps         If obstruction persists, consider – Needle Cricothyrotomy Procedure #704         Upon securing airway monitor O<sub>2</sub> Sat and ETCO<sub>2</sub> – Capnography Procedure #701     </li> <li>Needle thoracostomy with symptoms of tension pneumothorax – Needle Thoracostomy Procedure #705</li> </ul>
Base Hospital Orders Only	
Symptomatic Esophageal Obstruction     Glucagon 1mg IV followed by rapid     flush. Give oral fluid challenge 60 sec	Symptomatic Esophageal Obstruction     Glucagon 0.1mg/kg IV not to exceed     1mg followed by rapid flush. Give oral

Protocol #602

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fluid challenge 60 sec after admin -

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## **Notes**

- Oxygen Delivery
  - o Mild distress 0.5-6 L/min nasal cannula
  - Severe respiratory distress 15 L/min via non-rebreather mask
  - o Moderate to severe distress CPAP 3-15 cm H2O
  - Assisted respirations with BVM 15 L/min
- Pediatric intubation is no longer an approved ALS skill maintain with BLS options
- Patients requiring an advanced airway shall decide which airway to use based on the complexity
  of the patient's anatomy. If the patient's vocal cords are easily visualized, then Endotracheal
  Intubation shall be utilized. If the patient's vocal cords are difficult or unable to be visualized, then
  a Supraglottic Airway Device shall be utilized.
- During assessments of an airway for advanced airway placement, an attempt at visualization shall
  be defined as placement of a laryngoscope blade and the lifting of the patient's jaw in order to
  visualize vocal cords. An attempt at ETI shall be defined as attempting to pass the tube through
  the patient's vocal cords without success.
- After placement of any advanced airway, providers shall verify placement of the advanced airway by waveform capnography and a minimum of one additional method. This additional method can be any of the following:
  - Auscultation of lung and stomach sounds.
  - Colorimetric CO2 Detector Device.
  - Esophageal Bulb Detection Device.