

## ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS

- Routine Medical Care
- Obtain a complete patient history including current medications
- Identify and document neurological deficits
- Note #1: Glucose paste may be administered if the patient: 1) is able to hold head upright; 2) has a gag reflex; and, 3) can self-administer the medication
- Dextrose should not be given with suspected CVA unless blood sugar reading is  $< 60$  mg/dL
- Perform 12-Lead EKG, as appropriate, and transport to a cardiac receiving hospital if STEMI is identified. (See [page 125](#) - EKG 12-Lead) for cardiac receiving hospital information
- Spinal immobilization for trauma or suspicion of trauma (see [page 141](#))
- The clinical setting and/or medical history may dictate dextrose or naloxone as the initial drug
- **Contact the Base Physician if:**
  - the Blood Glucose reading is  $> 60$  mg/dL but hypoglycemia is suspected
  - a second dose of 25 gms. D50 is being requested

