

ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS (# 7203)

- **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 < 80 mg/dL.
- Perform 12 Lead EKG, as appropriate, and transport to a cardiac receiving hospital if STEMI is identified. (See policy # 10106 - EKG 12 lead) for cardiac receiving hospital information
- Spinal immobilization for trauma or suspicion of trauma (see policy #10117).
- 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 ≥ 80 mg/dL but hypoglycemia is suspected
 - ✓ a second dose of 25 gms. D₅₀ is being requested.

