



EMT - Paramedic Treatment Protocol 4605

Unconscious Patient - Unknown Cause (Non Trauma)

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To use this protocol, a patient must have a current Glasgow coma scale total of <12. This protocol is intended to guide the management of patients with a decreased level of consciousness who have no history of trauma. For trauma patients with a decreased level of consciousness, follow **Head Trauma Protocol 4102**.

- A. Perform **MAMP Protocol 4201**.
- B. Maintain airway as indicated by **Airway Management Protocol 4901** with the following special considerations in patients with decreased level of consciousness.
 1. Reassess that there is no history of even remote trauma which could have resulted in a cervical spine injury. If in doubt, protect spine by performing **Spine Trauma Protocol 4103**.
 2. If a readily treatable cause is suspected such as hypoglycemia or narcotic overdose and ventilation can be maintained without intubation, consider assisting ventilation without intubation until treatment is administered and condition reassessed.
- C. Assess blood glucose level by glucometer and draw blood sample.
- D. If blood glucose level is less than or equal to 80 mg/dl, then:
 1. Treat per **Diabetic Emergencies Protocol 4604**.
 2. If chronic alcohol abuse or poor nutrition is suspected, then administer Thiamine 100 mg IV if D50W is administered.
- E. If blood glucose level is >80, then administer naloxone hydrochloride 2 mg IV.
- F. Expedite transport and notify Medical Command.