

# ADULT ALTERED MENTAL STATUS

## SYNCOPE / PRE-SYNCOPE

HPI	Signs & Symptoms	Differential Diagnosis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMH: cardiac, stroke, seizures, diabetes</li> <li>• GI bleed</li> <li>• Ruptured ectopic</li> <li>• Fluid loss: vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration</li> <li>• Recent trauma</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOC with/without recovery</li> <li>• Lightheadedness, dizziness</li> <li>• Pulse irregularity, rate</li> <li>• Hypotension</li> <li>• Hallucination, delusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vasovagal</li> <li>• Orthostatic hypotension</li> <li>• Dysrhythmia</li> <li>• Alcohol/<a href="#">Overdose</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hypo/er-glycemia</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hypo/er-thermia</a></li> <li>• Shock</li> <li>• <a href="#">Stroke/TIA</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Sepsis</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Behavioral emergency</a></li> </ul>

	EMR	EMT	PM
1. Provide Adult Routine Medical Care - treat life threatening problems with airway, breathing circulation and disability.	•	•	•
2. Obtain ECG and 12 lead, monitor Capnography.		•	•
3. If respiratory depression or narcotic overdose suspected, see <a href="#">Depressant Overdose</a> protocol	•	•	•
4. Obtain blood glucose level. If blood glucose is < 60 or > 250, see <a href="#">Diabetic Emergencies</a> protocol	•	•	•
5. Perform BEFAST Stroke Scale. If positive, see <a href="#">Stroke</a> protocol	•	•	•

**NOTE:**

1. Bring container of drug or substance providing that the transport of the item does not pose a safety risk.