

PEDIATRIC ALTERED MENTAL STATUS

SYNCOPE/PRE-SYNCOPE

HPI	Signs & Symptoms	Differential Diagnosis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMH: cardiac, stroke, seizures, diabetes • GI bleed • Ruptured ectopic • Fluid loss: vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration • Recent trauma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOC with/out recovery • Lightheadedness, dizziness • Pulse irregularity, rate • Hypotension • Hallucination, delusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasovagal • Orthostatic hypotension • Dysrhythmia • Alcohol/Overdose • Hypo/er-glycemia • Hypo/er-thermia • Shock • Stroke/TIA • Sepsis • Behavioral emergency

	EMR	EMT	PM
1. Provide Pediatric Routine Medical Care - treat life threatening problems with airway, breathing circulation and disability.	•	•	•
2. Obtain ECG, monitor Capnography.		•	•

UNSTABLE: Altered Mental Status, MAP < 65 or Capillary refill >2 sec.

3. If respiratory depression or narcotic overdose suspected, see Depressant Overdose/Poisoning protocol	•	•	•
4. Obtain blood glucose level. If blood glucose is < 60 or > 250, see Diabetic Emergencies protocol	•	•	•

NOTE:

1. If age 2 years or less and signs/symptoms spontaneously resolve, refer to [BRUE/ALTE](#) protocol
2. Bring container of drug or substance providing that the transport of the item does not pose a safety risk.