

ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL GLUCOSE BLS PROCEDURE

ALWAYS USE STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

INDICATIONS

- Patients with blood glucose measurement of < 60

EQUIPMENT

- Oral glucose and/ or juices that contain sugar (no diet drinks)
- **Glucose Paste**

PROCEDURE

- Responsive patients with a gag reflex:
 - Give sweetened fluids (orange/ fruit juice) to drink
 - Do not use “diet” preparations as they do not contain sugar
- Lethargic patients unable to drink fluids:
 - Place patient in left or right lateral position
 - Place **Glucose paste** 30 gm PO between the dependent cheek and gum
 - Monitor airway, being prepared to suction if necessary
- Transfer patient to higher level of care as soon as possible