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