COMA/ ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS
ALWAYS USE STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION
GCS < 15, etiology unclear (consider AEIOU TIPS); sudden onset of weakness, paralysis, confusion, speech disturbances, headache

TREATMENT

- ALS RMC
- Position patient with head elevated 30 degrees or left lateral recumbent if vomiting
- If BG < 60 or immeasurable:
  - Dextrose 10% 25GM/250ml:
    - 125 ml bolus IV/IO over 10 minutes; recheck BG and repeat as needed
- If BG < 60 or immeasurable and unable to start IV:
  - Glucagon 1 mg IM
- Narcotic overdose:
  - Narcan 0.4-4.0 mg/kg, IV/IO/IM/IN
    - For IN administration: 2 mg (1 mg per nostril)
    - If respiratory depression persists, repeat as necessary. May need multiple doses.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
- Consider indication for C-spine precautions; consider diabetes-related complications
- If CVA suspected, see CVA/Stroke Policy N 4

DOCUMENTATION- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS
- Past medical history (i.e., seizures, diabetes)
- Blood glucose level
- Dosage of medications, times administered
- Narcan administration by first responder, if known

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES
- Intranasal Medications Midazolam(Versed) and Narcan Procedure ALS PR 7
- CVA / Stroke Policy N4