

Santa Barbara County EMS County Wide Protocols

Policy 533-06

ALTERED NEUROLOGICAL FUNCTION

ADULT

PEDIATRIC - (14 years and under)

BLS Procedures

- · Administer oxygen as indicated
 - o Refer to Policy 533-02 Airway Management
- Suspected stroke:
 - o Refer to Policy 533-21: Stroke
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Expanded Scope

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ALS Prior to Base Hospital Contact

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o IV/IO − 25g (250mL)

Glucagon (if no IV access available)

∘ IM – 1mg

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Base Hospital Physician Orders Only

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Additional Information

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