

DID YOU KNOW?



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HYPOGLYCEMIA

On average, we encounter 627 patients each year with a blood glucose level (BGL) of 60 or below. Of those patients, 32% have only one BGL reading and 5% refuse further treatment and transport. Low blood sugar can be a life-threatening event; let's make sure to document our encounters with diabetic patients thoroughly in accordance with the 2019 EMS Manual.

- ✓ Obtain **at least** two BGL readings to document whether the patient improved;
- ✓ Document all vitals in the vitals section of the ePCR.

Vitals

+ Add

| Vital | | | | | 08/24 11:18 | 🔒 |
|-------|-----|---------|------|-----|-------------|---|
| Resp: | BP: | Pulse: | GCS: | BG: | | |
| 18 | | Refused | 15 | 59 | | |

| Vital | | | | | 08/24 11:30 | 🔒 |
|-------|-----|---------|------|-----|-------------|---|
| Resp: | BP: | Pulse: | GCS: | BG: | | |
| 20 | | Refused | | 95 | | |

If you encounter a diabetic (hypo or hyperglycemic) patient frequently and suspect a mismanagement of their diabetes, consider referring the patient to CRT here: [CRT Referral Form](#)

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