Hillsborough County Fire Rescue STANDING ORDERS AND PROTOCOL

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1. Basic ALS Treatments

2. Specific treatment:

a. Keep patient calm.

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- b. Place child in sitting position with parent or caregiver if they do not agitate the patient.
- c. Blow-by oxygen
- d. Rapid transport

3. QA points:

- a. If child's airway occludes and ETT required, then use a tube that is 1 size smaller than normal.
- b. Ever since the development of the *Hemophilus influenza* vaccination, severe epiglottitis has all but disappeared in the U.S.