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1. Basic BLS treatments
2. Check blood glucose level.
 - a. If the patient has a diabetic history plus has signs and symptoms consistent with hypoglycemia, then:
 - i. Administer **Oral dextrose** 25 grams by mouth, ONLY if the patient is awake and have adequate gag reflex
 - ii. May be repeated every twenty (20) minutes as needed until the symptoms are resolved
3. ALS evaluation/transport criteria:
 - a. Any known diabetic with a decreased LOC unresponsive to **oral glucose** is ALS
 - i. A known diabetic who responds appropriately to oral dextrose may be transported without a paramedic evaluation
 - ii. A known diabetic who responds appropriately to oral dextrose requires a paramedic evaluation prior to signing a refusal of further care and transport
 - b. Any patient whose diabetic status is unknown or does not have a history of diabetes with an altered mental status and hypoglycemia requires a paramedic evaluation