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**Purpose:**

- A. To establish the treatment standard for pediatric patients assessed with a partial or complete airway obstruction by a foreign body.
- B. To establish a treatment standard for pediatric patients assessed to be in respiratory arrest.

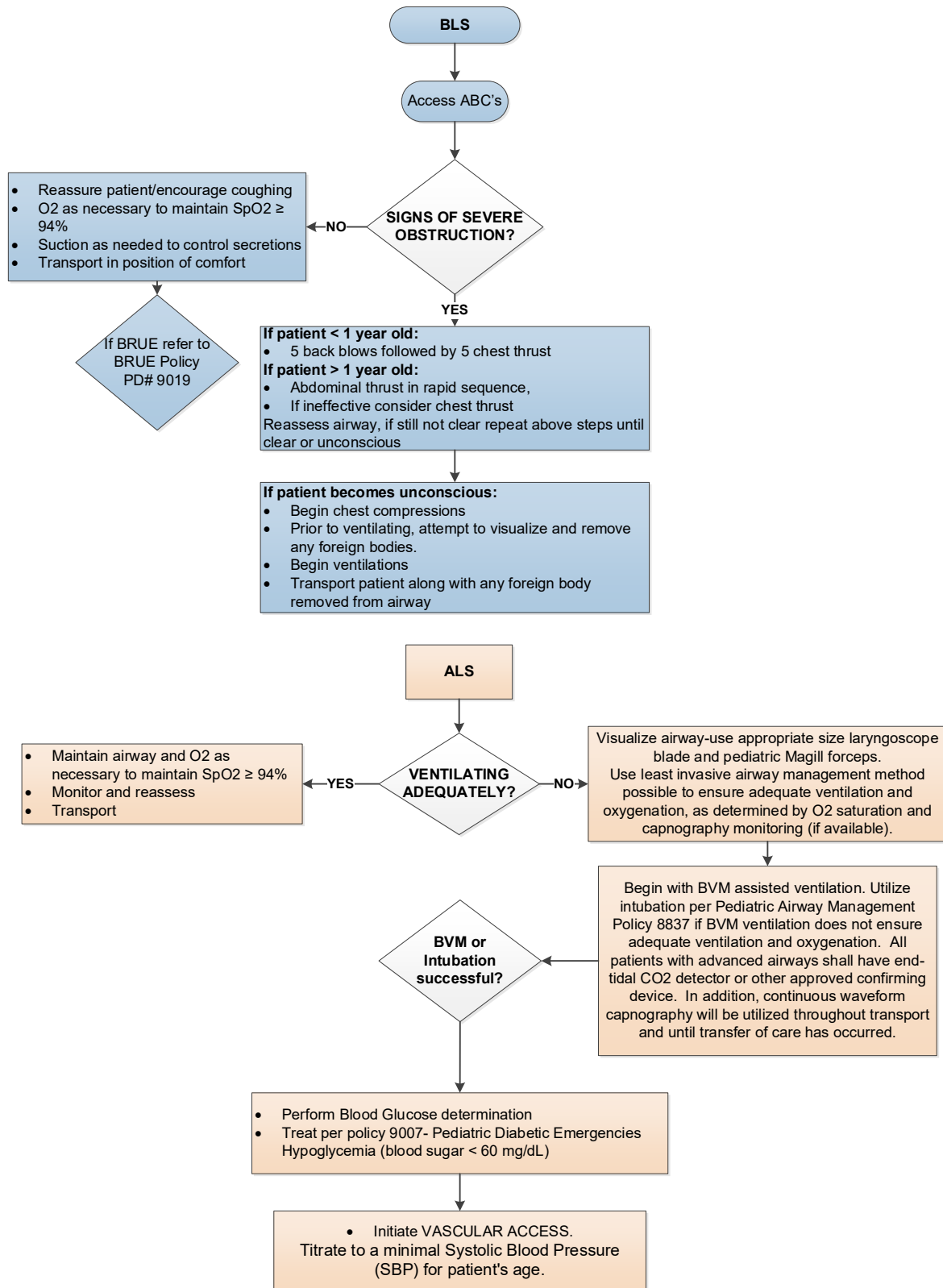
**Authority:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

**Protocol:**

Blind finger sweeps shall NOT be used. Keep patient calm and in position of comfort.

- A. Signs and symptoms of foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO):
  1. Sudden onset of respiratory distress with coughing
  2. Gagging
  3. Stridor
  4. Wheezing
- B. Signs of severe obstruction:
  1. Poor air exchange
  2. Increased breathing difficulty
  3. Silent cough
  4. Cyanosis
  5. Inability to speak or breathe



**Cross Reference:** PD# 9007- Pediatric Diabetic Emergencies  
 PD #9019 - Brief Resolved Unexplained Event (BRUE)  
 PD# 8837 - Pediatric Airway Management