



9. ORAL GLUCOSE

a) Indications

- (1) Altered mental status with known diabetic history
- (2) Unconscious for an unknown reason

b) Adverse Effects

Not clinically significant

c) Precautions

Patient without gag reflex may aspirate.

d) Contraindications

Not clinically significant

e) Preparations

10–15 grams of glucose (contained in 24, 30, or 37.5 gram tube)

f) Dosage

- (1) Adult: Administer 10–15 grams of glucose paste between the gum and cheek. Consider single additional dose of glucose paste if not improved after 10 minutes.
- (2) Pediatric: Administer 10–15 grams of glucose paste between the gum and cheek; this may be accomplished through several small administrations. Consider single additional dose of glucose paste if not improved after 10 minutes.