

# BLS Transport Standing Order

## INCLUSION

An evaluating EMS provider believes a patient may be appropriate for BLS Transport

### Initial Orders:

- Perform patient assessment
- Obtain a complete set of vital signs including 6 item cognitive screen

## EXCLUSION

### Physiologic Criteria

- GCS < 14 OR patient NOT at baseline mental status
- Less than 5 on the cognitive screen OR patient not at their baseline mental status
- Respiratory Rate outside of normal ranges below:
  - Adult 12-25 with normal work of breathing
  - Peds 15-35 with normal work of breathing
- Heart Rate outside of normal ranges below:
  - Adult: 60-130
  - Peds: 80-160
- Blood Pressure outside of normal ranges below:
  - Adult: 90-180 systolic / 60-110 diastolic
  - Peds: systolic < 70 + (age x 2)

### High Risk for ongoing ALS Interventions or monitoring

- Chest Pain meeting [Chest Pain SO](#) criteria
- Electrocution
- Foreign body aspiration
- Symptomatic overdose or poisoning
- Pregnancy with imminent delivery
- Seizures\*
- Drowning
- Syncope
- Traumatic injury meeting SAEMS Anatomic or Physiologic Trauma Triage Criteria
- EMS provider concern for serious illness/injury that might require ALS care

Patient Excluded

Initiate ALS Transport using the SO most appropriate for the patient's clinical presentation

OR

Contact online medical direction authority

Patient Excluded

## ORDERS

Patient may be downgraded to BLS care and transported by a BLS crew following the SO most appropriate for the patient's clinical presentation

### Special notes:

- \* Patients with a single seizure AND history of a seizure disorder who have returned to baseline may be transported by BLS providers.
- \* Children who have had a single seizure AND are between the age of 6 months & 5 years old, AND have a fever at the time of EMS provider evaluation who have returned to their baseline mental status may be transported by BLS providers.
- \* Per [SAEMS Authority Protocol](#) "conflicts regarding individual patient care shall be resolved by contacting the online medical direction authority for the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)."