

# SYNCOPE

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

## INDICATION

- Episode of brief loss of consciousness, dizziness, often postural

## CRITICAL INFORMATION

- Evaluate cardiac rhythm, precipitating factors, associated symptoms, medical history/medications. If abnormal vital signs or loss of consciousness, do not do postural vital signs.

## TREATMENT

- ALS RMC
- Cardiac monitor - treat dysrhythmias per specific treatment guidelines
- 12-lead ECG if patient has medical history and/or presenting complaints consistent with acute coronary syndrome. If positive for STEMI, see 12-lead ECG Procedure.
- IV **NS** TKO or saline lock; 250-500 ml fluid challenge if hypotensive or tachycardic
- Blood glucose reading:
  - If BS < 70 or immeasurable:
    - **Dextrose** 50% 50 ml IVP
  - If BS < 70 or immeasurable and unable to start IV:
    - **Glucagon** 1 mg IM