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Protocol	**4.2.22 Altered Mental Status - Pediatric**	**Last Reviewed/Update Date**		
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Altered mental status may be caused by neurological trauma, overdose, poisoning, hypoglycemia, decreased oxygenation, or other illness. Treatment goals of the patient with an altered mental status in the pre-hospital environment include insuring responder safety, assessing for treatable causes, assuring adequate airway control and oxygenation, advanced life support when indicated, and safe timely transport to the appropriate care facility.

1. Baseline care standards.

2. Manage airway per protocol.

3. Assess level of consciousness using AVPU.

4. Administer oxygen 15L per minute via non-rebreather.

5. Obtain focused history and physical exam of environment for clues.

6. Obtain blood glucose level. Follow diabetic emergency protocol for treatment as needed.

7. Wear facial PPE for any signs of fever or rash with altered mental status.

8. Provide appropriate trauma care as necessary.

9. Request ALS intercept for pharmacological intervention in preparation for possible seizure activity.

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Medical Director's Signature   *Date*

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