

Administration of Glucose

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

√	Performance Step(s)	Comment(s)
	Take BSI precautions.	
	Consult medical control.	<i>In some systems local protocol may direct the EMT to administer oral glucose to patients with a known history of diabetes and with an altered level of consciousness.</i>
	Check the 5 rights of drug administration.	<i>Right patient, drug, dose, route, time</i>
	Confirm the patients ability to swallow and the presence of a gag reflex.	
	Explain procedure to patient.	
	Open tube while keeping it clean.	
	Apply glucose by squeezing tube onto tongue depressor.	
	Insert tongue depressor with glucose into their mouth, between the cheek and the gum, or under their tongue.	<i>In some cases the patient could self-administer the glucose.</i>
	Remove tongue depressor.	
	Confirm that the patient can swallow.	
	Reapply glucose to tongue depressor and continue the administration until the glucose is gone from the tube.	
	Immediately discontinue administration if the patient loses the ability to swallow, or becomes unresponsive.	
	Consult with medical control as soon as possible.	
	Document findings.	

