

Kittitas County Prehospital Care Protocols

Subject: COMA OF UNKNOWN ETIOLOGY

General

- A. Establish and maintain airway.
- B. Administer O₂ @ 12-15 lpm per non-rebreather mask.
- C. Ventilate or assist ventilations with BVM and supplemental O₂ @ 12-15 lpm, if hypoventilation or apnea is present.
- D. Determine underlying causes of unconsciousness.
- E. Establish cardiac monitor. Consider ET intubation.
- F. Establish blood sugar level by finger stick or during IV start.
- G. Establish peripheral IV access with 0.9% NaCl @ TKO.
- H. If history of acute/chronic alcohol abuse, administer **thiamine**, 100 mg IV bolus, prior to administration of **D50**.
- I. Consider administration of **D50**, 25 gms, IV bolus.
- J. If no response, consider **naloxone**, 1 mg, IV bolus, up to a total of 4 mg. Titrate to a return of respiratory drive and to a point where the patient can be managed.

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