
Forsyth County EMS

Skill Procedure: Blood Glucose Analysis

	Expanded Scope EMT	
	EMT-I	
	EMT-P	

I. Clinical Indications:

- A. Patients with suspected hypoglycemia (diabetic emergencies, change in mental status, bizarre behavior, etc.)

II. Procedure:

- A. Gather and prepare equipment.
- B. Blood samples for performing glucose analysis should be obtained simultaneously with intravenous access.
- C. Place correct amount of blood on reagent strip or site on glucometer per the manufacturer's instructions.
- D. Time the analysis as instructed by the manufacturer.
- E. Document the glucometer reading and treat the patient as indicated by the analysis and protocol.
- F. Repeat glucose analysis as indicated for reassessment after treatment and as per protocol.

III. Certification Requirements:

- Attend equipment inservice.

Maintain knowledge of the indications, contraindications, technique, and possible complications of the procedure. Assessment of this knowledge may be accomplished via quality assurance mechanisms, classroom demonstrations, skills stations, or other mechanisms as deemed appropriate by the local EMS System. Assessment should include direct observation at least once per certification cycle.

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