Dizziness/Vertigo

For lightheadedness or vertigo without syncope

History

- Age
- Duration of symptoms
- · Severity of symptoms
- · Past medical history
- Medications/changes in medications
- History of head or recent trauma
- Headache
- · Tinnitus or hearing loss

Signs and Symptoms

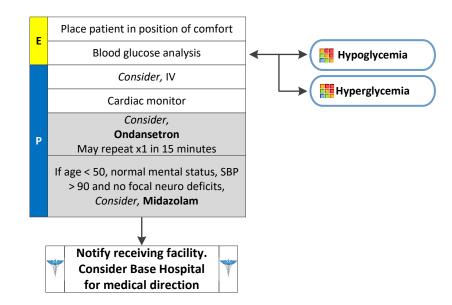
- Warm
- Flushed
- Sweaty
- Chills/rigors
- Tinnitus
- Nystagmus

Associated Symptoms (helpful to localize source)

• Malaise, cough, chest pain, headache, dysuria, abdominal pain, mental status changes, rash

Differential

- Infection/sepsis
- Cancer/tumors/lymphomas
- Medication or drug reaction
- Migraine
- Labyrinthitis
- Vestibular neuronitis
- Stroke
- Hypoglycemia/Hyperglycemia
- ACS
- Aspirin overdose



Pearls

• Some strokes may present with dizziness/vertigo. If a stroke is suspected, exit to the Stroke protocol.

