

# Dizziness/Vertigo

For lightheadedness or vertigo without syncope

**History**

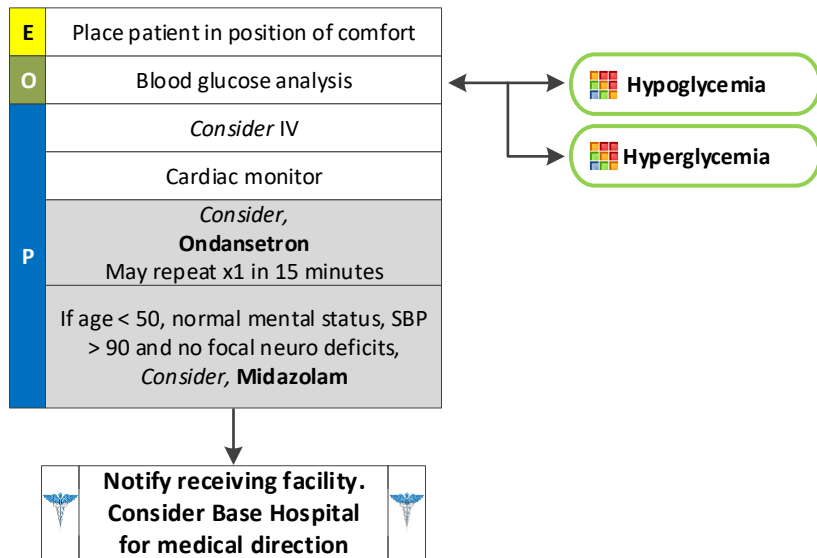
- Age
- Duration of symptoms
- Severity of symptoms
- Past medical history
- Medications/changes in medications
- History of head or recent trauma
- Headache
- Tinnitus or hearing loss

**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.