

Syncopal/Near Syncopal

For syncopal (transient loss of consciousness). NOT for cardiac arrest; use primary impression Cardiac Arrest – Non-Traumatic only

History

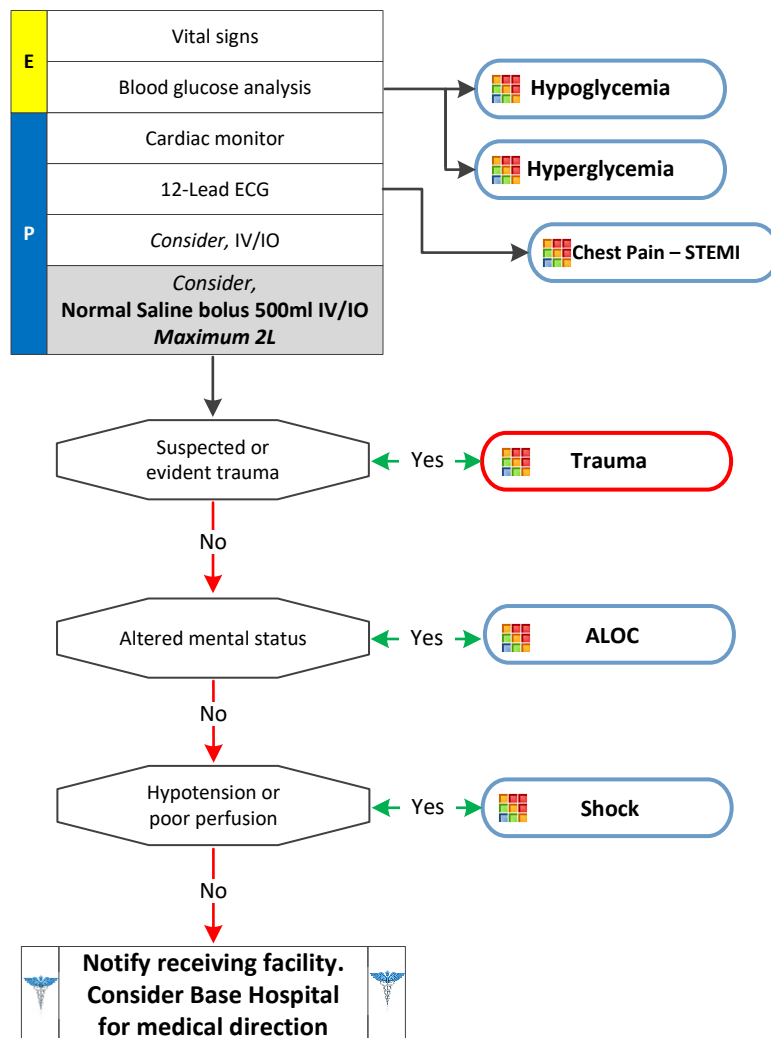
- History of cardiac, stroke or seizures
- Occult blood loss (GI or ectopic)
- Females: LMP or vaginal bleeding
- Fluid loss: nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Past medical history
- Medications
- Recent air travel

Signs and Symptoms

- Loss of consciousness with recovery
- Lightheadedness or dizziness
- Palpitations
- Pulse irregularity
- Hypotension

Differential

- Vasovagal
- Orthostatic hypotension
- Cardiac syncopal
- Micturition or defecation syncopal
- Psychiatric
- Stroke
- Hypoglycemia
- Seizure
- Shock
- Toxicological, including alcohol
- Medication effect (hypotension)
- Pulmonary embolism
- AAA



Pearls

- Consider dysrhythmias, GI bleed, ectopic pregnancy, and seizure as possible cause of syncopal.