San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services

Alcohol Intoxication

History
• Known or suspected alcohol use

Signs and Symptoms
• Restlessness or confusion
• Weakness or dizziness
• Flushed skin
• Odor of alcohol on breath

Differential
• Shock (hypovolemic, cardiogenic, septic, neurogenic or anaphylaxis)
• Cardiac dysrhythmias
• Medication effect or overdose
• Head trauma
• Hypoglycemia
• Stroke
• Seizure/post-ictal

Pearls
• Use caution when considering administration of opioids for pain control.

For alcohol intoxication if it is the primary problem. Use of secondary primary Impression if the patient has another acute emergency.