

E12 DIABETIC PROBLEMS

KEY QUESTION	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
Patient Alert?	Check for medical alert tags
Difficulty Breathing?	Conscious: Position of comfort Unconscious: if not breathing normally start CPR
Patient Combative?	Consider scene safety, Law Enforcement response at discretion of responders

INCIDENT TYPE	
All Diabetic Problems	DIAB F

SECONDARY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
Nausea or vomiting?	Turn patient on their left side
Able to sit up and hold a glass?	Only if patient is able to hold a glass, Suggest a glass of juice, NOT DIET

CALL BACK IF ANYTHING CHANGES

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs and Symptoms Insulin Shock/Low Glucose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Insulin shock has a very rapid onset ○ Normal or rapid respirations ○ Pale, moist, clammy skin ○ Dizziness, Headache ○ Full rapid pulse ○ Fainting, Seizure or Coma ○ Aggressive or unusual behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs and Symptoms Diabetic Coma/High Glucose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Air hunger, rapid deep sighing respirations ○ Dry, Warm skin with sunken eyes ○ Rapid weak pulse ○ Sweet fruity odor on breath ○ Varying degrees of unresponsiveness
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NOTE:

Diabetic symptoms may easily be confused with alcoholic intoxication