

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## EE-16 ALCOHOL RELATED EMERGENCIES

### ALS/ILS/BLS

1. Management:
  - 1.1. Initial Medical or Trauma Care.
  - 1.2. Document:
    - 1.2.1. Mental Status.
    - 1.2.2. Pupil size and response.
    - 1.2.3. Speech.
    - 1.2.4. Respirations.
  - 1.3. Suspect:
    - 1.3.1. Head injury.
    - 1.3.2. Hypovolemia.
    - 1.3.3. Metabolic illness.
    - 1.3.4. Follow appropriate SOP.
  - 1.4. Use standard blood and body fluid precautions.
2. Interaction Guidelines:
  - 2.1. Identify self and orient patient to their surroundings, date and current situation.
  - 2.2. Treat the patient in a respectful manner and avoid being judgmental.
  - 2.3. Acknowledge the patients concerns and feelings:
    - 2.3.1. Explain all treatment interventions before they are performed.
  - 2.4. Ask open-ended sentences when obtaining a history.
3. The uncooperative Patient:
  - 3.1. Determine need for additional crew members for assistance.
  - 3.2. Severely injured trauma patients who refuse or will not cooperate with care can be considered a threat to themselves.
  - 3.3. Contact local law enforcement agency if not on the scene.
  - 3.4. Contact medical control for direction.
  - 3.5. Consider restraints if patient a threat to self or others.
    - 3.5.1. See Use of Physical Restraints (A-4) SOP.