

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## EE-16 ALCOHOL RELATED EMERGENCIES

### ALS/ILS/BLS

#### Management:

- Patient assessment and initial medical care
- Document:
  - Mental Status
  - Pupil size and response
  - Speech
  - Respirations
- Suspect:
  - Head injury
  - Hypovolemia
  - Metabolic illness
  - Follow appropriate treatment protocol

#### Interaction Guidelines:

- Identify self and orient patient to their surroundings, date and current situation
  - Maintain scene safety
- Treat the patient in a respectful manner and avoid being judgmental
- Acknowledge the patients concerns and feelings:
  - Explain all treatment interventions before they are performed
- Ask open-ended sentences when obtaining a history

#### The Uncooperative Patient:

- Determine need for additional crew members for assistance
- Severely injured trauma patients who refuse or will not cooperate with care can be considered a threat to themselves
- Contact local law enforcement agency if not on the scene
- Contact medical control for direction
- Consider restraints if patient a threat to self or others
  - See Use of Physical Restraints protocol