	<b>COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO</b> EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY	Document #	8029.14
	<u>PROGRAM DOCUMENT:</u>  <b>Hazardous Materials</b>	Initial Date:	05/15/95
		Last Approval Date:	03/12/20
		Effective Date:	07/01/20
		Next Review Date:	03/01/22

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature on File  
 EMS Medical Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature on File  
 EMS Administrator

**Purpose:**

- A. To serve as the treatment standard for treating patients exposed to hazardous materials in the prehospital setting.

**Authority:**

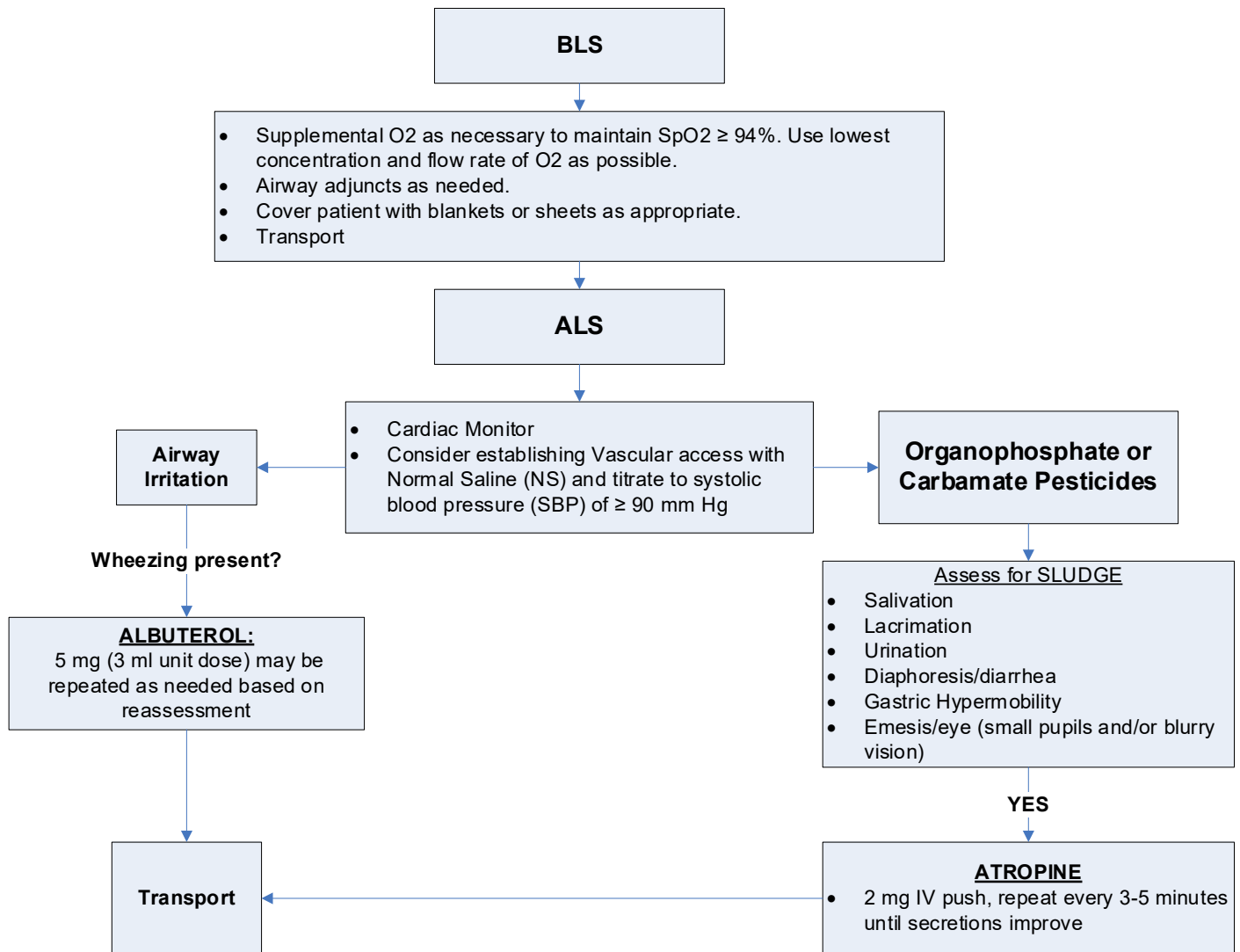
- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

**Special Note:**

- A. EMS providers should not enter any contaminated area if there is any suspected hazardous materials contamination, EMS providers should immediately activate a Fire Hazmat Response by contacting the Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center (SRFECC).

**Policy:**

- A. Avoid contamination of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers and EMS transport equipment - accept only decontaminated patients for transport.
- B. Do NOT enter the exclusion zone. A Paramedic will not use specialized protective equipment / breathing apparatus unless they have been specifically trained in its use prior to the incident.
- C. When possible identify the suspected contaminant and notify the receiving hospital as soon as possible, so they may prepare to receive victims.
- D. In general, helicopter transport of contaminated patients is not appropriate.
- E. ALL patients without radiation will undergo primary decontamination at the scene.
- F. Radiation contaminated patients with immediate injuries do not require extensive decontamination prior to transport.



**Cross Reference:** PD# 8027-- Symptomatic Nerve Agent Exposure Treatment