

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY**



Program Document: **Pediatric Airway Obstruction by Foreign Body
and Respiratory Arrest**

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Purpose:

- A. To establish the treatment standard for pediatric patients assessed with a partial or complete airway obstruction by a foreign body.
- B. To establish a treatment standard for pediatric patients assessed to be in respiratory arrest.

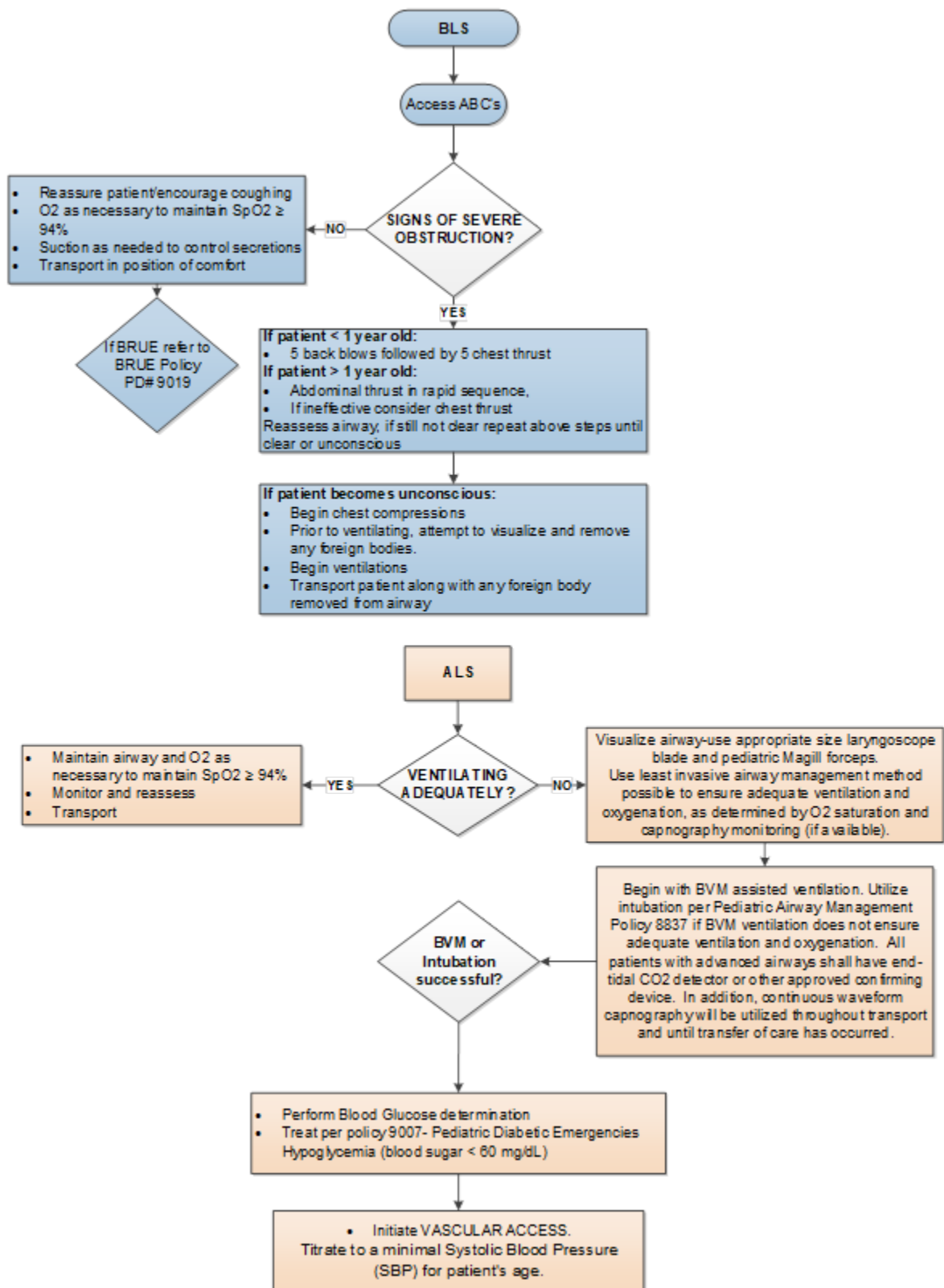
Authority:

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

Protocol:

Blind finger sweeps shall NOT be used. Keep patient calm and in position of comfort.

- A. Signs and symptoms of foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO):
 - 1. Sudden onset of respiratory distress with coughing
 - 2. Gagging
 - 3. Stridor
 - 4. Wheezing
- B. Signs of severe obstruction:
 - 1. Poor air exchange
 - 2. Increased breathing difficulty
 - 3. Silent cough
 - 4. Cyanosis
 - 5. Inability to speak or breathe



Cross Reference:

PD# 9007- Pediatric Diabetic Emergencies

PD #9019 - Brief Resolved Unexplained Event (BRUE)

PD# 8837 - Pediatric Airway Management