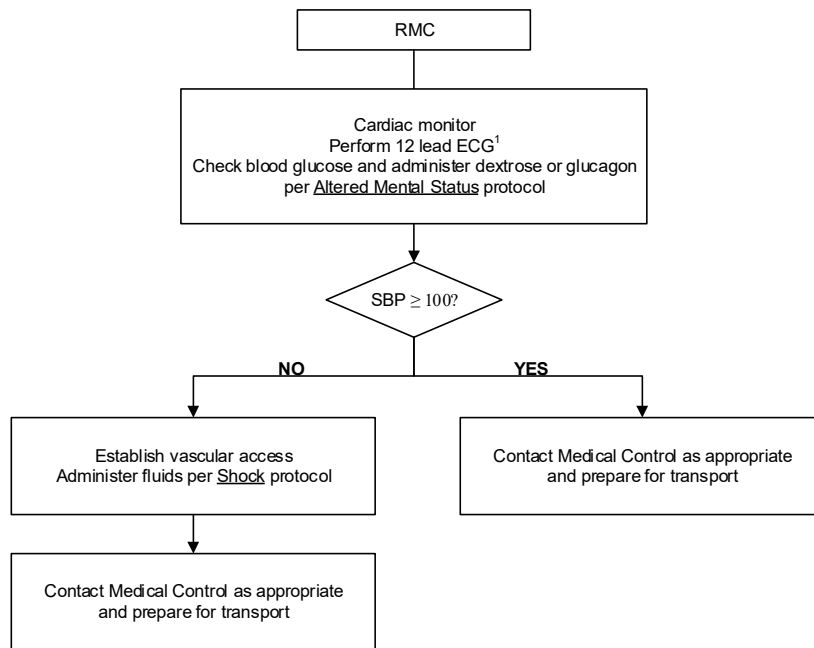




**REGION 11  
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**SYNCOPE OR PRESYNCOPE\* - ALS**



1 – See 12 Lead Electrocardiogram (ECG) procedure

\* **Syncope** is heralded by both the loss of consciousness and the loss of postural tone and resolves spontaneously without medical interventions. Syncope is typically abrupt in onset and resolves equally quickly. **Presyncope** is defined as the prodromal symptoms of syncope. It usually lasts for seconds to minutes and may be described by the patient as “nearly blacking out” or “nearly fainting.” Patients with ongoing mental status changes or coma should be treated per the Altered Mental Status protocol.