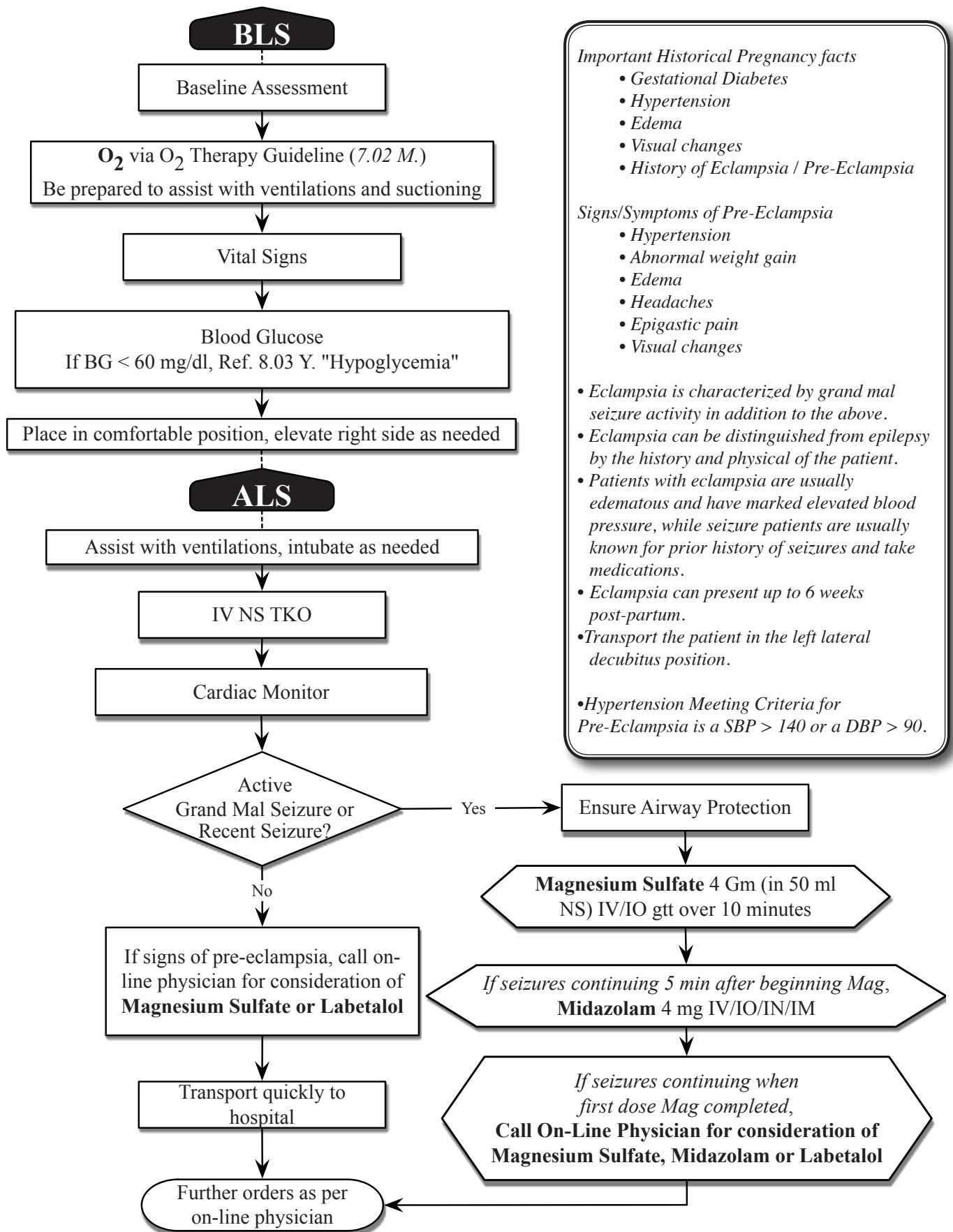


8.03 S. Eclampsia (Pregnancy Induced Seizures)



Important Historical Pregnancy facts

- Gestational Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Edema
- Visual changes
- History of Eclampsia / Pre-Eclampsia

Signs/Symptoms of Pre-Eclampsia

- Hypertension
- Abnormal weight gain
- Edema
- Headaches
- Epigastric pain
- Visual changes

- Eclampsia is characterized by grand mal seizure activity in addition to the above.
- Eclampsia can be distinguished from epilepsy by the history and physical of the patient.
- Patients with eclampsia are usually edematous and have marked elevated blood pressure, while seizure patients are usually known for prior history of seizures and take medications.
- Eclampsia can present up to 6 weeks post-partum.
- Transport the patient in the left lateral decubitus position.
- Hypertension Meeting Criteria for Pre-Eclampsia is a SBP > 140 or a DBP > 90.