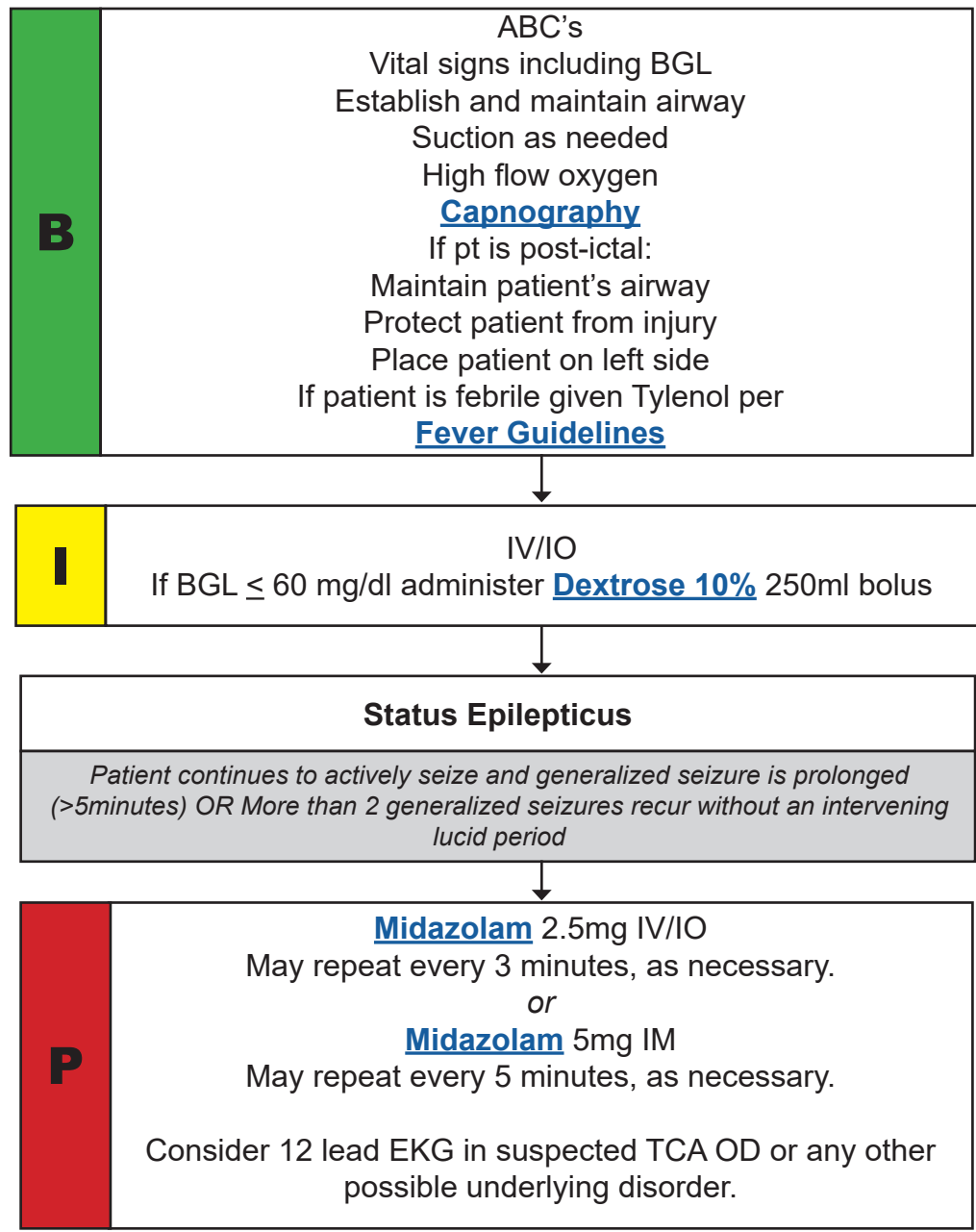


Adult Medical Convulsive Seizures, Status Epilepticus

Designation of Condition: Excessive, chaotic discharge of cerebral neurons that typically manifests with immediate loss of consciousness and convulsive tonic-clonic muscular activity followed by a post-ictal period of generalized muscle relaxation and confusion. Bite wounds to tongue and/or buccal mucosa, as well as bladder incontinence, are often observed.



- Consider the Cause**
- Epilepsy
 - EtOH withdrawal or intoxication
 - Hypoglycemia
 - Stimulant use
 - Trauma
 - Intracranial hemorrhage
 - Overdose (TCA)
 - Eclampsia
 - Infection: Meningitis, sepsis
 - Febrile (age <6 years old)

*****KEY POINT*****
If pt is pregnant, refer to Eclampsia Guideline BEFORE benzodiazepine administration

Consider IM route for first dose.
Patient may be combative while in postictal state. Protect patient from injury and attempt to keep oxygen on patient.

Consider spinal precautions based on possible trauma