

GLUCOSE (Glucose)

ACTION: Oral Hyperglycemic Agent (Concentrated Sugar)

Reverses hypoglycemia. Good for conscious insulin overdose/hypoglycemic patients with an intact gag reflex.

INDICATIONS:

- Hypoglycemic patients who are conscious and who have a gag reflex.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Patient with altered mental status that cannot self-administer glucose tube.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- Aspiration of glucose if patient has no gag reflex.

ADULT DOSE/ROUTE:

⇒ Give 1-2 tubes to patient (30grams or more glucose).

PEDIATRIC DOSE/ROUTE:

⇒ Same as adult dose or as tolerated by patient.

NOTES:

- Check blood glucose level PRIOR to giving oral Glucose.
- Response (increasing LOC) should occur within 10 min.
- After patient is fully alert and oriented, ensure that patient consumes additional carbohydrates, such as orange juice or a meal.

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