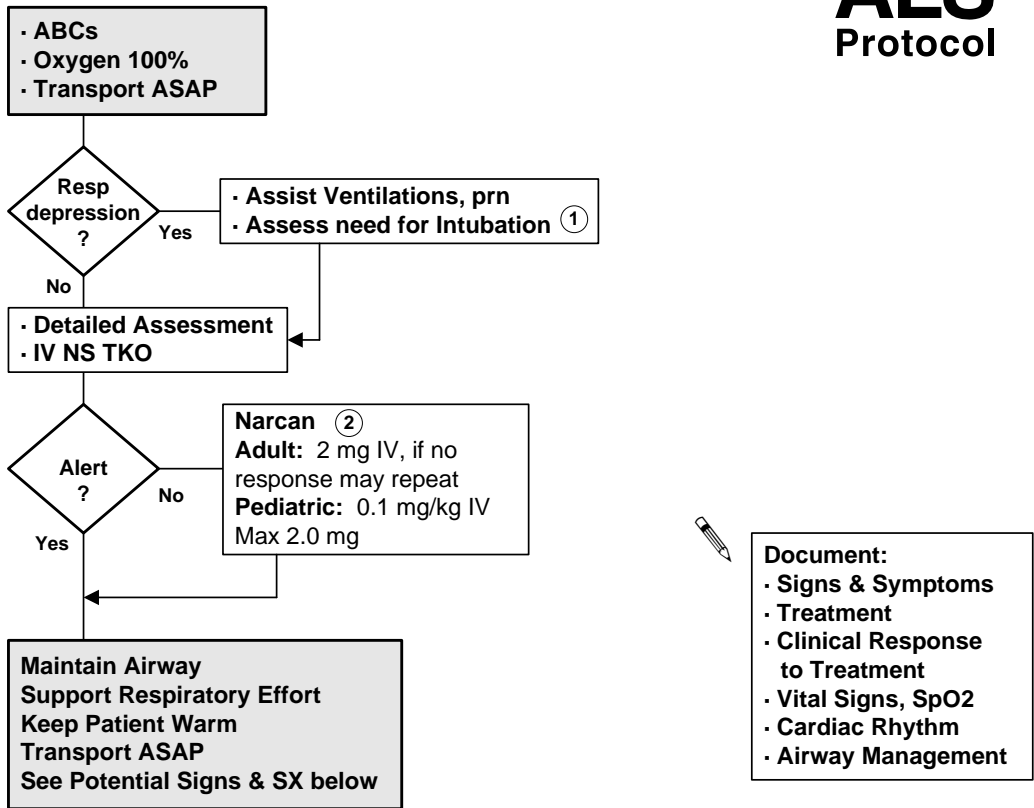


# Overdose: Narcotic

# ALS Protocol



**Potential Signs & Symptoms of Narcotic Overdose:**  
 CNS & respiratory depression, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, **pinpoint pupils**, coma, cyanosis, **bradycardia**.

Glasgow Coma Scale		
Eye	Spontaneous	4
Opening	To Voice	3
	To Pain	2
	None	1
Best	Oriented	5
Verbal Response	Confused	4
	Inappropriate words	3
	Incomprehensible words	2
	None	1
Best	Obeys Commands	6
Motor Response	Localizes Pain	5
	Withdraws (Pain)	4
	Flexion	3
	Extension	2
	None	1

- 1 Consider administering Narcan** (while assisting ventilations) before intubation. A brief trial of Narcan may quickly reverse the patient's condition and eliminate the need for intubation. At no time should aggressive and adequate airway management be delayed. A trial of Narcan may be given before intubation only if the airway is secure.
- 2 Narcan:** half-life is short, 30-80 minutes. Be prepared to repeat treatment as the effect of Narcan may wear off. Anticipate a rapid onset. Be prepared to restrain combative and/or confused patients.