

EMT Basic Scenario – Diabetic Emergencies – Scenario 3

Dispatch: You are called to a parking lot for a male unconscious subject in a vehicle.

Takes, or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	Scene is Safe
Determines the mechanism of injury/nature of illness	Unknown at this time
Determines the number of patients	1
Requests additional help if necessary	Yes
Considers stabilization of spine	None
Verbalizes general impression of the patient	50-year-old man sitting in his car found by mall security
Determines responsiveness/level of consciousness	Unresponsive
Determines chief complaint/apparent life threats	Unknown
Assesses airway and breathing Indicates appropriate oxygen therapy Assures adequate ventilation	Patient is snoring (Open Airway with a head-tilt-chin lift - This will Open the airway) Rate: Rapid and Deep (Kussmaul Respirations) You detect a fruity to his breath (acetone odor) Symmetrical rise and fall of the chest (Oxygen via blow-by NRB mask at 15 L/min)
Assesses circulation Assesses/controls major bleeding Assesses pulse Assesses skin (color, temperature, and condition)	Bleeding – none Pulse—Tachycardic and Thready Skin – Flushed, Warm, and Dry
Identifies priority patients/makes transport decisions	High Priority
OPQRST	O—Patient is Unresponsive but you do find a medical alert bracelet P— Patient is Unresponsive Q— Patient is Unresponsive R— Patient is Unresponsive S— Patient is Unresponsive T— Patient is Unresponsive
SAMPLE history	A—Unknown M—Insulin (Per Med Bracelet) P—Diabetes (Per Med Bracelet) L— Unknown E— Unknown

<p>Performs Secondary Assessment (assesses affected body part/system)</p>	<p>Equal respirations; lungs are clear and equal; fruity smell is coming from his breaths</p> <p>no evidence of trauma</p> <p>Wife walks up to vehicle from shopping. Finds his Blood Glucose Monitor and checks it, which comes back at 616 mg/dL.</p>
<p>Vitals (obtains baseline vital signs)</p>	<p>Blood pressure—122/84 mm Hg Pulse—124 beats/min Respirations—36 breaths/min SaO2—95% on room air</p>
<p>Field Impression</p>	<p>(Student should provide appropriate Field Impression from info above) – Patient is experiencing Diabetic Ketoacidosis</p>
<p>Interventions (obtains medical direction or verbalizes standing order for medication interventions and verbalizes proper additional intervention/treatment)</p>	<p>Maintain the airway and provide oxygen.</p>
<p>Transport (re-evaluates the transport decision)</p>	<p>Still high priority</p>
<p>Ongoing assessment</p>	<p>No change noted while awaiting ALS arrival.</p> <p>Blood pressure—120/80 mm Hg Pulse—128 beats/min Respirations—36 breaths/min SaO2—99% on 15 L/min via NRB mask</p> <p>Patient remains unresponsive</p>
<p>Hand off Report</p>	<p>(Student should provide appropriate hand off report from info above)</p>