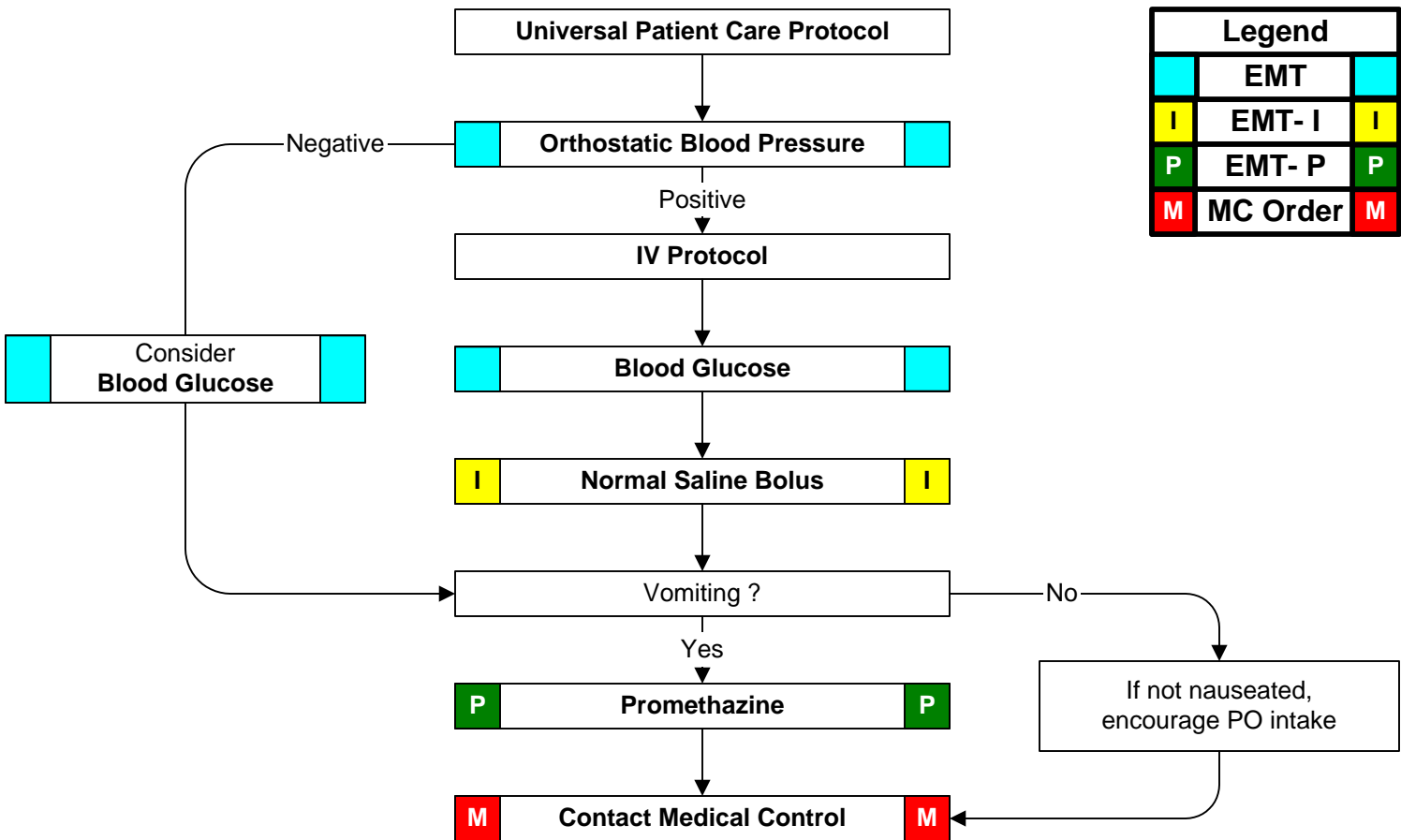




Vomiting and Diarrhea



History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age • Time of last meal • Last bowel movement/ emesis • Improvement or worsening with food or activity • Duration of problem • Other sick contacts • Past medical history • Past surgical history • Medications • Menstrual history (pregnancy) • Travel history • Bloody emesis / diarrhea 	Signs and Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain • Character of pain (constant, intermittent, sharp, dull, etc.) • Distention • Constipation • Diarrhea • Anorexia • Radiation Associated symptoms: (Helpful to localize source) Fever, headache, blurred vision, weakness, malaise, myalgias, cough, headache, dysuria, mental status changes, rash	Differential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNS (increased pressure, headache, stroke, CNS lesions, trauma or hemorrhage, vestibular) • Myocardial infarction • Drugs (NSAID's, antibiotics, narcotics, chemotherapy) • GI or Renal disorders • Diabetic ketoacidosis • Gynecologic disease (ovarian cyst, PID) • Infections (pneumonia, influenza) • Electrolyte abnormalities • Food or toxin induced • Medication or Substance abuse • Pregnancy • Psychologic
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Pearls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam: Mental Status, Skin, HEENT, Neck, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Back, Extremities, Neuro • Document the mental status and vital signs prior to administration of Promethazine (Phenergan).
