

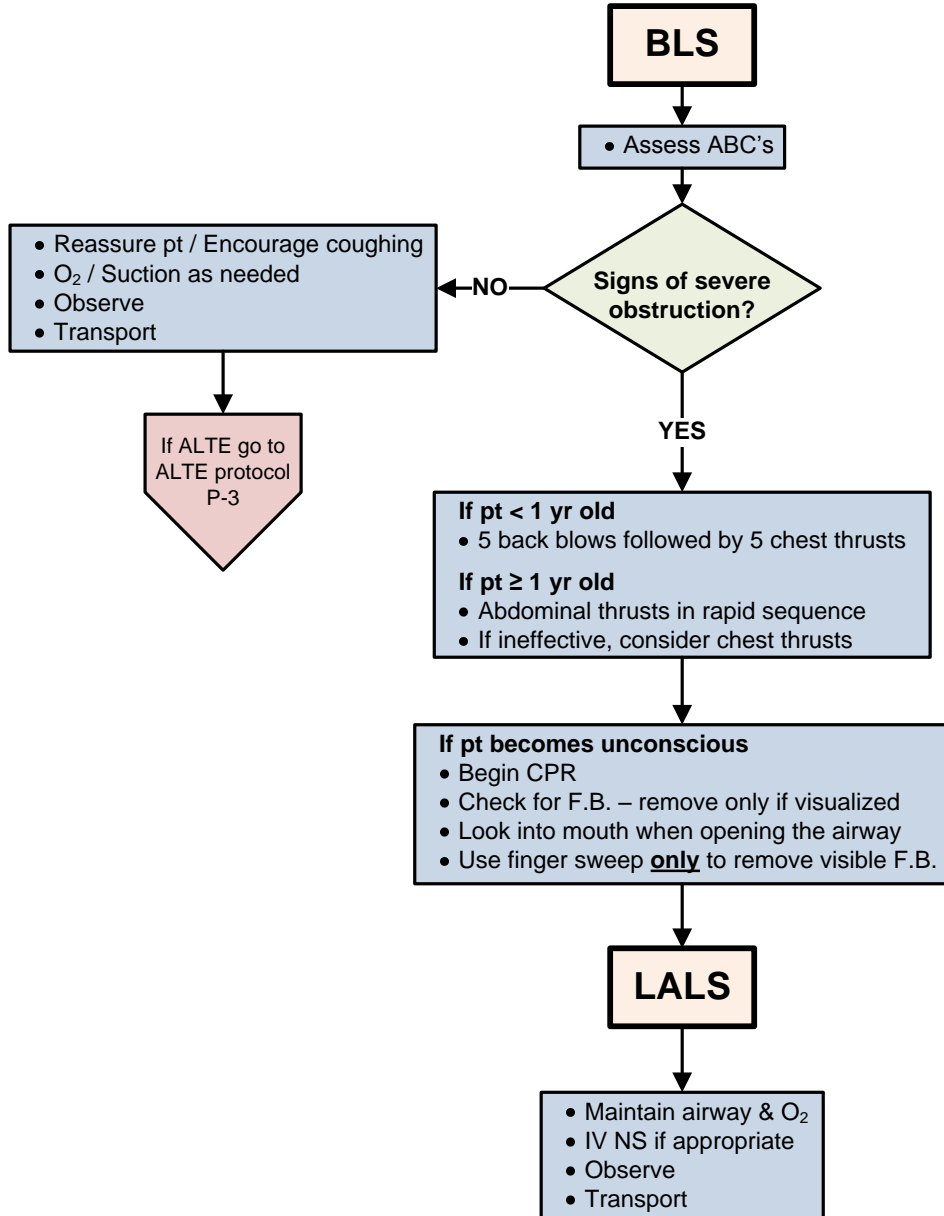


**SIERRA SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY  
TREATMENT PROTOCOL – MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**PEDIATRIC  
REFERENCE NO. P-10 (LALS)**

**SUBJECT: FOREIGN-BODY AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION**

- Signs / symptoms of foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO) – sudden onset of respiratory distress with coughing, gagging, stridor, or wheezing.
- Do not use tongue/jaw lift or perform blind finger sweep
- Signs of severe obstruction:
  - Poor air exchange
  - Cyanosis
  - Increased breathing difficulty
  - Inability to speak or breath
  - Silent cough
  - Ask pt: “Are you choking”? If pt nods ‘yes’, act



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