



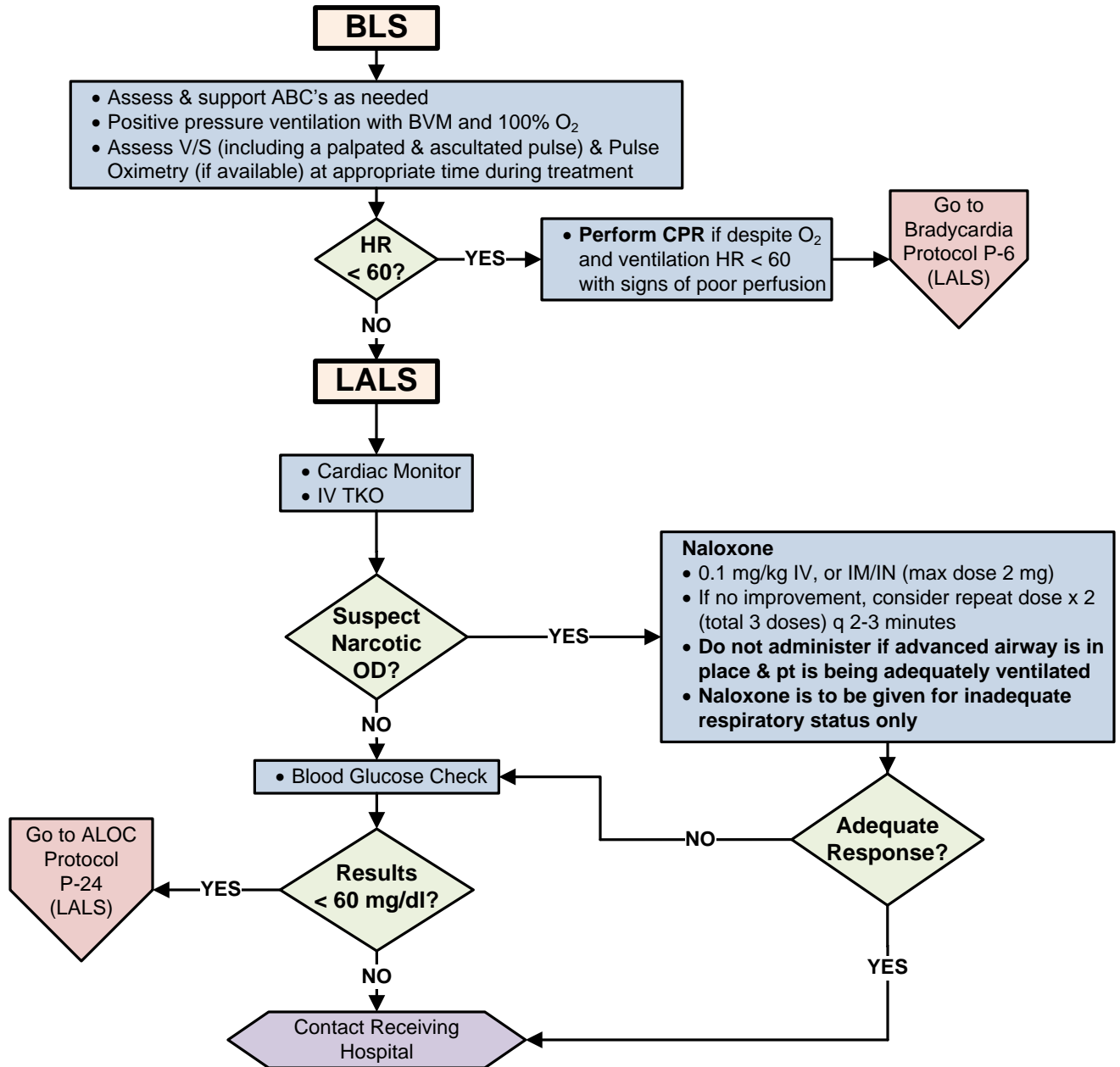
**SIERRA SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY  
TREATMENT PROTOCOL – MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**PEDIATRIC  
REFERENCE NO. P-12 (LALS)**

**SUBJECT: RESPIRATORY FAILURE / ARREST**

Anticipate respiratory failure & possible respiratory arrest if any of the following are present:

- Increased respiratory rate, with signs of distress (e.g. increased effort, nasal flaring, retractions, or grunting)
- An inadequate respiratory rate, effort, or chest excursion (e.g. diminished breath sounds, gasping, and cyanosis), especially if mental status is depressed



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