

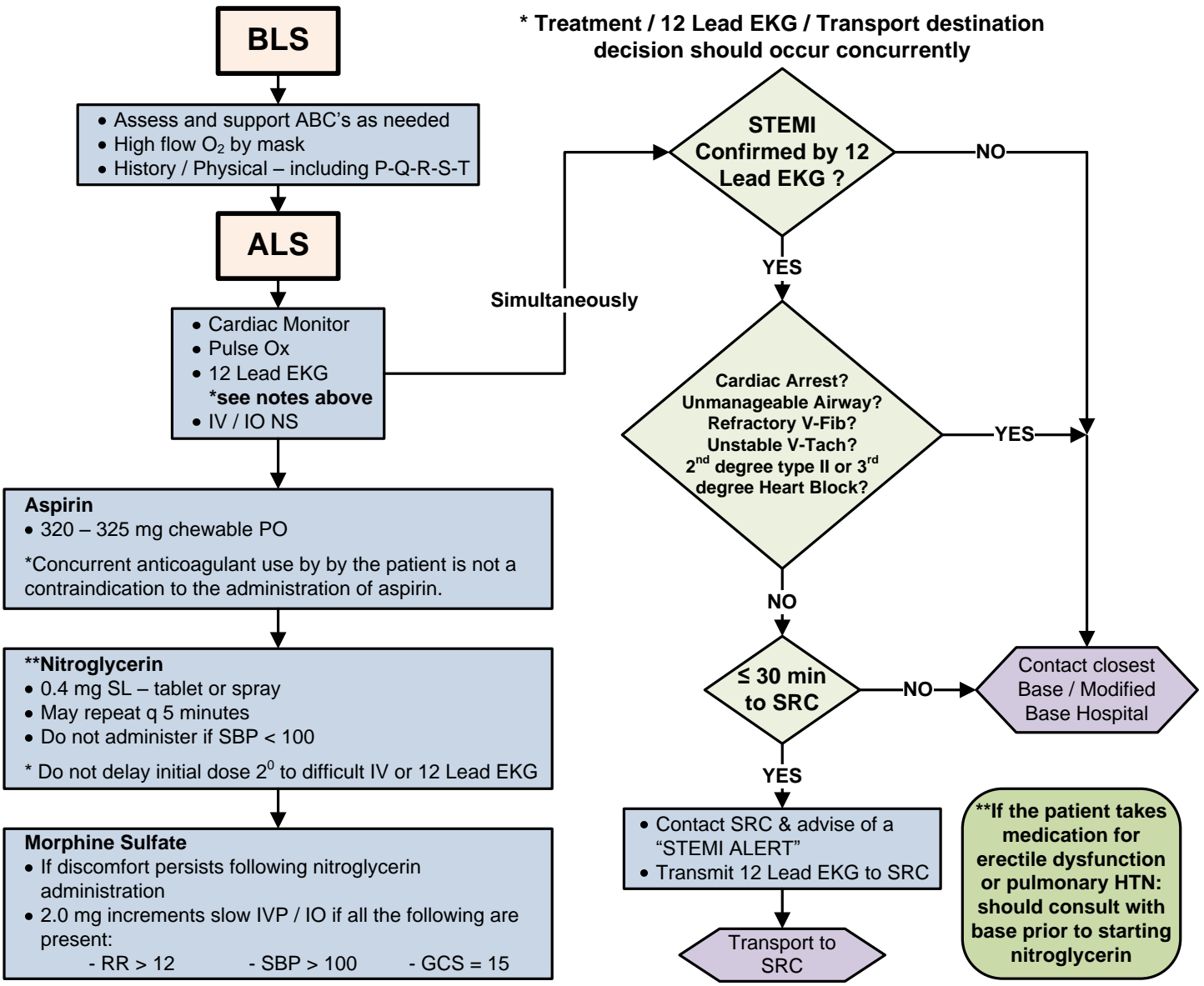


**SIERRA SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY
TREATMENT PROTOCOL – MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**CARDIOVASCULAR
REFERENCE NO. C-8**

SUBJECT: CHEST PAIN / DISCOMFORT OF SUSPECTED CARDIAC ORIGIN

- If available, a 12 Lead EKG shall be performed as part of a complete patient assessment.
- If not detrimental to the patient’s condition, the initial 12 Lead should be performed prior to medication administration.
- All 12 Lead EKG’s performed shall include a patient name or other unique patient identifier that is input into the monitor and printed on the EKG strip. The patient identification information shall be entered prior to EKG transmission.
- All patients with a 12 Lead EKG that shows a computer read out consistent with an acute ST elevation MI (i.e. ***Acute MI Suspected***) shall be transported directly to the closest designated STEMI Receiving Center (SRC) if the ground transport time to that receiving center is ≤ 30 minutes. Early contact with the closest Base / Modified Base hospital shall be made for any STEMI patient who is outside the SRC 30 minute ground transport time catchment area



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