

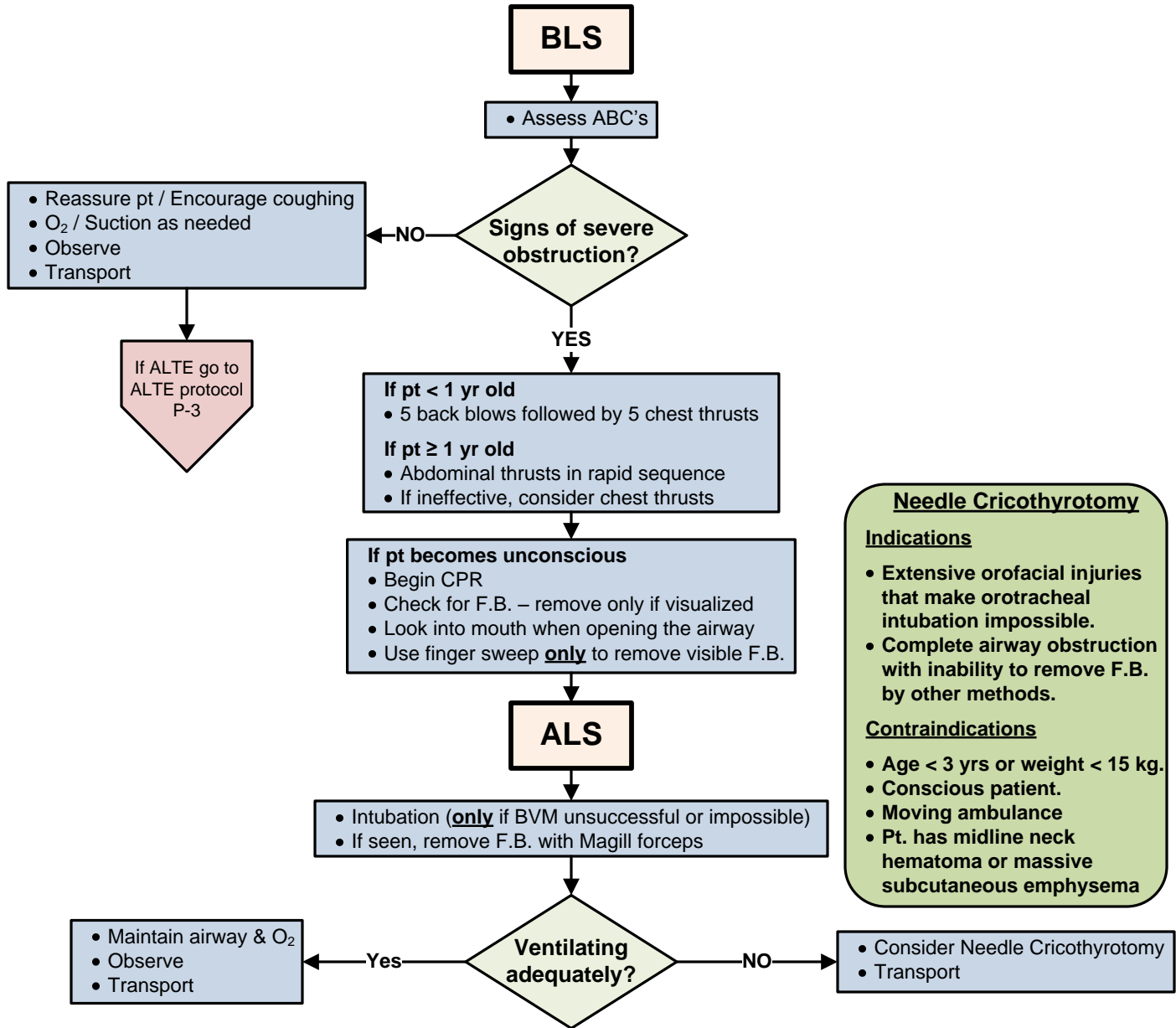


**SIERRA SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY
TREATMENT PROTOCOL – MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**PEDIATRIC
REFERENCE NO. P-10**

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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