

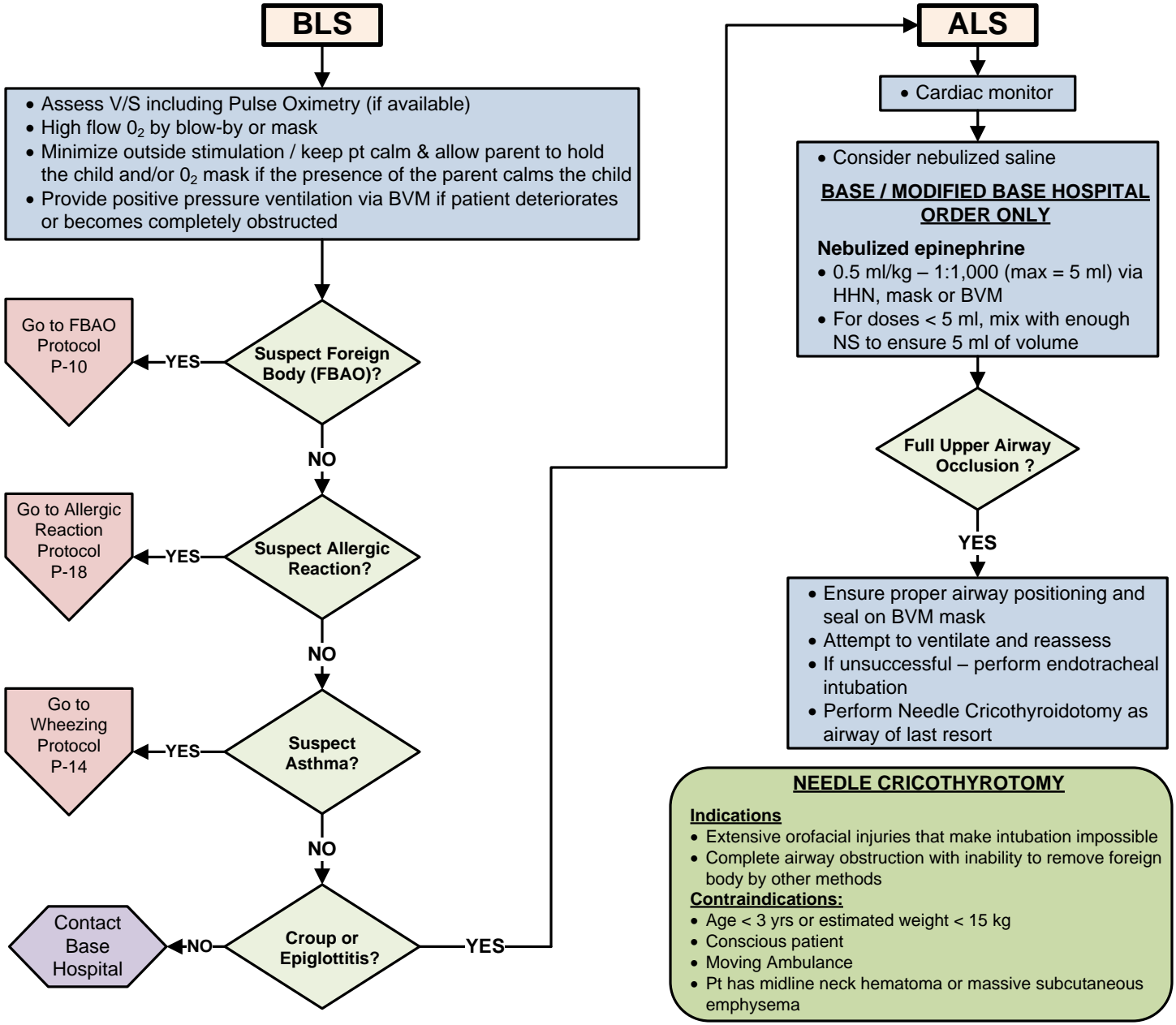


**SIERRA SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY
TREATMENT PROTOCOL – MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**PEDIATRIC
REFERENCE NO. P-16**

SUBJECT: RESPIRATORY DISTRESS – STRIDOR

- The hallmark of upper airway obstruction (i.e. croup, epiglottitis, foreign body airway obstruction) is inspiratory stridor.
- Obtain History – Foreign body aspiration, fever, drooling, sore throat, sputum production, onset, duration, medications, asthma, exposures (allergens, toxins, smoke) or trauma (blunt / penetrating).
- Do not attempt to visualize the throat or insert anything into the mouth if epiglottitis suspected.
- *Note: Perform endotracheal intubation only if BVM ventilation is unsuccessful or impossible.



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