

**Vermont EMS District 3**

**Procedure:** Intermediate Treatment for Diabetic Emergencies

**Provider Level:** EMT-Intermediate and above

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Changes below in italics and underlined:

IV. Treatment

Intermediate

- E. Secure IV access. *If a portable blood glucose measuring device is not available,* obtain blood specimen for glucose determination at the hospital.
- F. Perform capillary blood glucose determination.
- G. If patient's blood glucose level is <80 mg/dl, administer dextrose 50% 25gm IV in a secure vein for an adult (standing order for paramedics) or 0.5 – 1 gm/kg for a child upon order from medical direction.
- H. ♦ *Consider* thiamine 100mg IV if dextrose is to be administered.
- I. ♦ If IV access cannot be secured, administer 1 mg glucagons IM.

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