

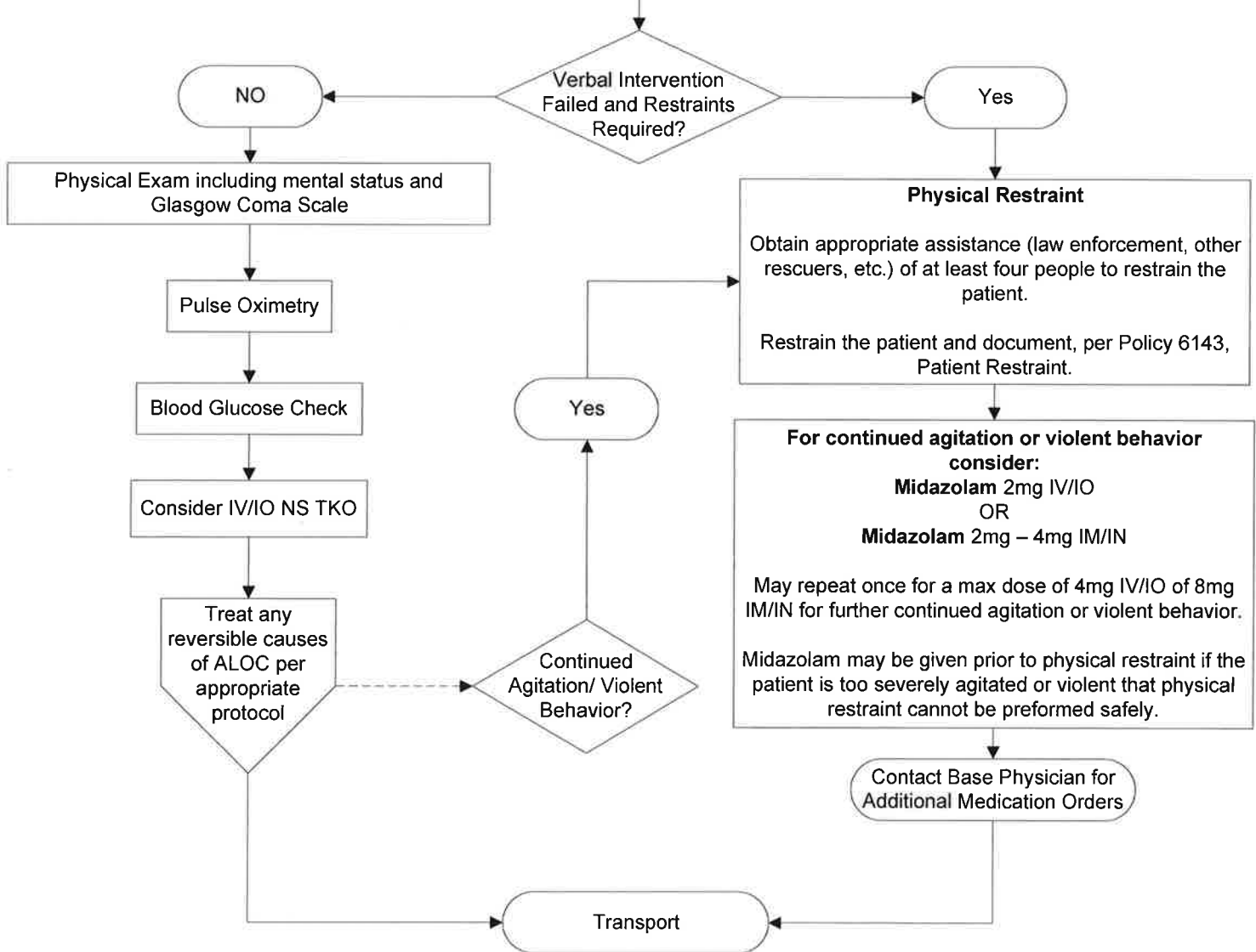
Behavioral B-1 Behavioral Emergencies in Adults

PRIORITIES
SCENE SAFETY: Above all protect yourself and others.
 Airway/Breathing/Circulation
 Identify and correct treatable causes for behavior
 Document all physical/psychological findings
 Early transport
 Early notification of receiving hospital

One rescuer must assume control of the scene to minimize confusion on direction of patient care.
 If the patient refuses care and transport, obtain a 5150 hold from law enforcement if possible.

VERBAL INTERVENTION

Always attempt verbal intervention first to de-escalate the situation.
 Speak in a calm, reassuring, but firm voice when approaching and caring for the patient.



DISRUPTED COMMUNICATIONS

In the event of a "disrupted communications" situation, Solano County Paramedics may utilize all portions of this treatment protocol without Base Hospital Contact as needed to stabilize an immediate patient.