



Powell River First Aid Training

Assessing LOC Using AVPU

A	Alert	Patient is awake, talking and should be able to maintain own airway. May need help if there is a c-spine concern and complaining of nausea or has an oral bleed.
V	Verbal	Patient responds to verbal stimulus but is drowsy. May consider placing patient semi-prone if injuries permit.
P	Pain	Patient responds only to pain stimuli. Must monitor airway closely and intervene, as necessary. Should be semi-prone, injuries permitting.
U	Unresponsive	No response to stimuli. This patient is unable to protect own airway. You must intervene and very closely monitor patient's airway.

Glasgow Coma Scale

Eyes Opening	Best Verbal Response	Best Motor Response
4 - Spontaneously	5 - Oriented	6 - Obeys Commands
3 - To Speech	4 - Confused	5 - Localizes pain
2 - To Pain	3 - Inappropriate Words	4 - Withdraws from Pain
1 - No Response	2 - Incomprehensible Sounds	3 - Flexion (Decorticate) to pain
	1 - No Response	2 - Extension (Decerebrate) to pain
		1 - No Response