PSYCHIATRIC / BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

Key Questions

Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
What happened?
Has the patient harmed himself? If yes,
- _ With what?
- _ Where are the injuries?

Is the patient acting in their normal manner?
- _ If not, what is different or unusual?

Where is the patient now?
Do you think the patient might harm himself? If so, with what?
Can the patient talk to you?
Can the patient answer your questions?
Has the patient taken any drugs or alcohol?
Does the patient have a weapon or access to a weapon?
Is the scene secure?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS	BLS DISPATCH
Dispatch	
Unconscious/not breathing normally. Decreased level of consciousness. Gunshot wound/Stabs to head, neck, torso, thigh. Unusual behavior associated with: Diabetes. Suicidal overdose. Street drug intoxication or ingestion.	Lacerated wrist(s) with controlled bleeding. Unusual behavior with a psychiatric history. Known alcohol intoxication without other drugs (can be aroused). Threats against self or others. Police request for stand-by. Patient out of psychiatric medications.

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

Keep the patient in area, if safe.
Keep patient calm, if possible.
If you feel you are in danger, leave the scene.
Gather patient medications, if any.

Prompts	Short Report
If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group. Consider Crisis Center. Is law enforcement needed?	Age Sex Specific location Chief complaint Pertinent related symptoms Medical/Surgical history, if any Other agencies responding Any dangers to responding units