Oral Glucose

I. GENERIC NAME: Glucose

II. TRADE NAME: Glutose®, Insta-glucose®

III. PREHOSPITAL INDICATIONS:
   a. Patients with an altered mental status with a known history of Diabetes Mellitus.
   b. Hypoglycemic patients (documented and undocumented)

IV. CONTRAINDICATIONS:
   a. Oral administration to the comatose patient
   b. Hyperglycemia
   c. Unable to swallow

V. PRECAUTIONS / INCOMPATIBILITIES:
   a. Unconsciousness

VI. ADMINISTRATION:
   a. One tube (gel form in toothpaste type tubes)
      i. Placed between the cheek and gum
   b. One tablet to be dissolved orally, prn

VII. SIDE EFFECTS:
   a. None if given properly. Aspiration is a concern in the obtunded patient.