**8.02 B. Unresponsive Patient**

**BLS / ALS**

1. **Determine Unresponsiveness** Stimulate, "Are you OK?"
   - If unresponsive, position patient appropriately*

2. **Open Airway, Assess for Respirations**
   - Pediatric
     - Absent Breathing or Not Normal Breathing (Only Gasping)?
       - Yes: BVM Ventilations*
       - No: Proceed to "Pulseless Patient - BLS First on Scene" OR "Pulseless Patient - ALS First on Scene" Protocol

3. **Check Pulse. DEFINITE PULSE within 10 seconds?**
   - Yes: BVM Ventilations*, Chest Compressions*
   - No: Proceed to "Pulseless Patient - BLS First on Scene" OR "Pulseless Patient - ALS First on Scene" Protocol

4. **Supportive Care** Go to Appropriate Protocol

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*a Patient should be placed on a hard surface (floor/backboard) in a supine position. There should be enough room around the patient to allow adequate access to the patient for CPR and advanced medical therapies. It may be advisable to briefly move a patient prior to resuscitation to allow for maximal chest compressions and patient access.

*b See Table 7-8: CPR Parameters for proper chest compression and ventilation rates.
8.02 B. Unresponsive Patient: Notes

A. This is the initial protocol to follow when presented with an unconscious patient.

B. If CPR has been started, proceed to the appropriate protocol by determining the level of care provided by the unit on scene (i.e. Squad on scene, proceed to 8.02 D. “Pulseless Patient - ALS” protocol; BLS Engine only on scene, proceed to 8.02 C. “Pulseless Patient - BLS” protocol.)

C. If a EMS Apparatus Paramedic is on scene with an AED, proceed to the 8.02 C. “Pulseless Patient - BLS” protocol. If the EMS Apparatus Paramedic is utilizing a LifePak 15, proceed to 8.02 D. “Pulseless Patient - ALS” protocol.

D. When proceeding to either of the Pulseless Patient protocols, notify OEC (and responding units) via the assigned tach channel of an adult or pediatric patient with “CPR in progress.”