

POISONING / TOXINS / OVERDOSE

History is important. Whenever possible, determine the substance(s) involved and the quantity, time and route they were taken.

Indications:

- Poisoning by mouth
- Poisoning by injection
- Poisoning by absorption

Contraindications:

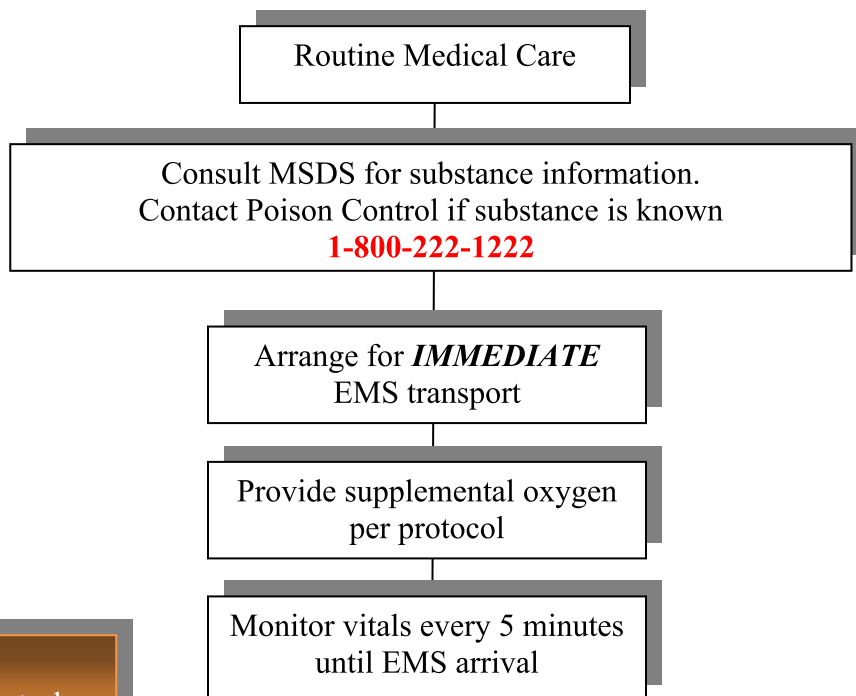
- Altered mental status
- Ingestion of acid or alkali substances
- Ingestion of hydrocarbons (petroleum)

Weakness
Vertigo
Nausea
Loss of coordination

Possible syncope
Profuse shivering
Cyanosis
Confusion

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Salivation
Lacrimation
Urination
Defecation
Gastric Upset
Emesis



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- Time Poison Control was called
- Person you spoke to
- Recommendations given

OVERDOSE CONSIDERAIONS

Consider specific antidote. If possible, see container label and contact Poison Control.

Rule Out Narcotic OD. Be aware of increasing use of home dermal pain control patches.

Suspected Narcotic OD – Refer to Altered Mental Status

Topical poisons - Brush away particulate matter before flushing with water.

Carbon Monoxide poisoning - Pulse Oximetry is unreliable.

Multiple victims in enclosure - consider environment and hazmat team.