

# POISONS/DRUGS

## Indications

- Exposure to one or more toxic substances (ingestion, inhalation, or skin contact)

ALS RMC

- Consider contacting Poison Control Center at 1(800) 404-4646 for additional information. If information from Poison Control is outside of scope of practice, contact intended receiving facility for consult
- If LOC diminishes, protect airway
- If skin or eye exposure, decontaminate patient, remove clothing, wash skin, continuous irrigation of eyes

**Caustics/Corrosives**  
 Ingestion of substances causing intra-oral burns, painful swallowing or inability to handle secretions
 

- Do not induce vomiting

**Hydrocarbons or Petroleum distillates**  
 Kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid, furniture polish
 

- Do not induce vomiting
- Transport immediately

**Phenothiazine reactions**  
 Restlessness, muscle spasms of the neck, jaw, and back; oculogyric crisis, history of ingestion of phenothiazine, or unknown medication
 

- **Benadryl** 50mg IV/IO

**Insecticides**  
 Organophosphates, carbonates; can cause cholinergic crisis characterized by bradycardia, increased salivation, lacrimation, sweating, muscle fasciculation, abnormal cramping, pinpoint pupils, incoherence or coma
 

- **Atropine** 2mg IV/IO slowly
- **Repeat every 2-5 min** until drying of secretions, reversal of bronchospasm and reversal of bradycardia.
- **Max dose:** 10mg

**Cyclic Antidepressants**  
 Frequently associated with respiratory depression, almost always tachycardic, widened QRS and ventricular arrhythmias generally indicate life-threatening ingestions
 

- In the presence of life-threatening dysrhythmias
  - Hyperventilate if assisting ventilations or intubating
  - **Sodium Bicarbonate** 50mEq IV/IO

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