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1. Basic BLS treatments
2. Determine whether the situation represents a single ingestion or an excessive amount of a single item or multiple items.
 - a. In most cases a single additional dose of a prescribed medication will not produce toxicity
3. Contact the Florida Poison Center in Tampa:
 - a. 1-800-222-1222
 - b. They should be able to assist in identifying possible problems associate with the ingestion which may assist in determining the need for ALS evaluation and transport.
 - c. Only take specific actions recommended by the Florida Poison Center after contacting the Medic-1 physician
4. ALS evaluation and transport criteria:
 - a. Any patient with altered LOC (GCS < 15)
 - b. Abnormal vital signs including irregular pulse
 - c. Any patient confirmed or strongly suspected of having taken more than one additional dose of a medication prescribed specifically for them.
 - d. Any patient taking known or unknown amounts of medications for which they do not have a prescription or appropriate medical condition for.