



**ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PREHOSPITAL ALS STANDING ORDERS**

SUBSTANCE OVERDOSE / POISONING - ADULT/ADOLESCENT

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ALS STANDING ORDERS:

1. Assist ventilation with BVM and suction airway as needed.
2. Pulse oximetry, if room air oxygen saturation less than 95%, administer:
 - *High-flow oxygen by mask or nasal cannula at 6 l/min flow rate as tolerated.*
3. Blood glucose analysis, if blood glucose less than 60 (or if 60-80 and suspect hypoglycemia), administer one of:
 - *Oral glucose preparation, if tolerated and airway reflexes are intact.*
 - *10% Dextrose 250 mL IV*
 - *Glucagon 1.0 mg IM if unable to establish IV.*

NOTE: IO access may be used for dextrose administration when patient is unconscious with blood glucose < 80, unable to establish IV and there is no response to IM glucagon).

4. For blood pressure less than 90 systolic and lungs clear to auscultation:
 - *Establish IV access*
 - *Normal Saline, infuse 250 mL IV, repeat up to maximum 1 liter to maintain adequate perfusion*

Proceed with appropriate management as listed below:

Suspected Narcotic Overdose:

- If respiratory depression (respiratory rate less than or equal to 12 minute), give:
- *Naloxone (Narcan®):*
 - 0.8, 1 or 2 mg IN or IM, repeat every 3 minutes as needed to maintain respiratory rate.*
 - 0.4-1 mg IV, every 3 minutes as needed to maintain respiratory rate.*
 - 4 mg/0.1 mL preloaded nasal spray IN*

Suspected Stimulant Intoxication:

- If agitated and a danger to self or others, sedate with:
- *Midazolam 5 mg IV/IM once.*
- If on-going or recurrent seizure activity:
- *Turn to side, protect airway and suction when necessary*
 - *Midazolam 10 mg IM one time (preferred route). Administer first before starting IV/IO*

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- *Midazolam 5 mg IV/IN/IO if not able to deliver IM dose or if IV/IO already present; may repeat 5 mg IV/IN/IO once for continued or recurrent seizure activity approximately 3 minutes after initial dose.*
- *Contact Base Hospital if seizure continues for 5 minutes after first dose IM or second dose IV/IN/IO of midazolam (total of 10 mg administered by any route).*
- Monitor for respiratory adequacy via constant visual monitoring and pulse oximetry:
If sudden hypoventilation, oxygen desaturation (per pulse oximetry), or apnea:
 - *Assist ventilation with BVM (intubate as time permits),*
- Monitor for hyperthermia; initiate cooling measures if appears to have hyperthermia.
- If signs of dehydration or poor perfusion and lungs clear to auscultation (no evidence CHF):
 - *Establish IV access and give 250 mL Normal Saline bolus, may repeat up to maximum 1 liter to maintain adequate perfusion.*
- If continuous nausea or vomiting, and not suspected or known to be pregnant:
 - *Ondansetron (Zofran®): ODT 8 mg (two 4 mg tablets) to dissolve orally on inside of cheek; OR,
4 mg IV, may repeat 4mg IV after approximately 3 minutes for continued nausea or vomiting.*

Suspected Organophosphate Poisoning (including Chemical Agents):

- *Atropine 2 mg IV, repeat once as needed, alternate route 2 mg IM, repeat once as needed. (For DuoDote® Kit instructions and dosing during health emergencies or disaster, refer to Procedure B-35).*
- For wheezes or bronchospasm:
 - *Albuterol, Continuous nebulization of 6.0 mL (5 mg) concentration as tolerated.*
 - *CPAP if available as tolerated and if not contraindicated (reference PR-120).*
- For on-going or recurrent seizure activity:
 - *Midazolam as directed under Stimulant Intoxication.*

Suspected Cyanide Toxicity (OR Inhalation of Smoke Generated by Plastics, Hydrocarbons):

- *High flow oxygen by mask*
- *Cardiac monitor and document rhythm.*
- *Hydroxocobalamin (if available, PR-130) 5 gm/200 mL solution IV/IO over 15 minutes.*

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Requires base hospital order.

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- *CPAP if available as tolerated and if not contraindicated (reference PR-120).*

→ For on-going or recurrent seizure activity:

- *Midazolam as directed under Stimulant Intoxication.*

Suspected Carbon Monoxide Toxicity

- *High flow oxygen by mask*
- *Cardiac monitor and document rhythm.*

→ For wheezes or bronchospasm:

- *Albuterol, Continuous nebulization of 6.0 mL (5 mg) concentration as tolerated.*
- *CPAP if available as tolerated and if not contraindicated (reference PR-120).*

→ For on-going or recurrent seizure activity:

- *Midazolam as directed under Stimulant Intoxication..*

Suspected Extrapyramidal Reaction:

- *Diphenhydramine (Benadryl®) 50 mg IM or IV once.*

5. ALS escort any of above patients to the nearest ERC or contact Base Hospital as needed.

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