

Dystonic Reaction

History

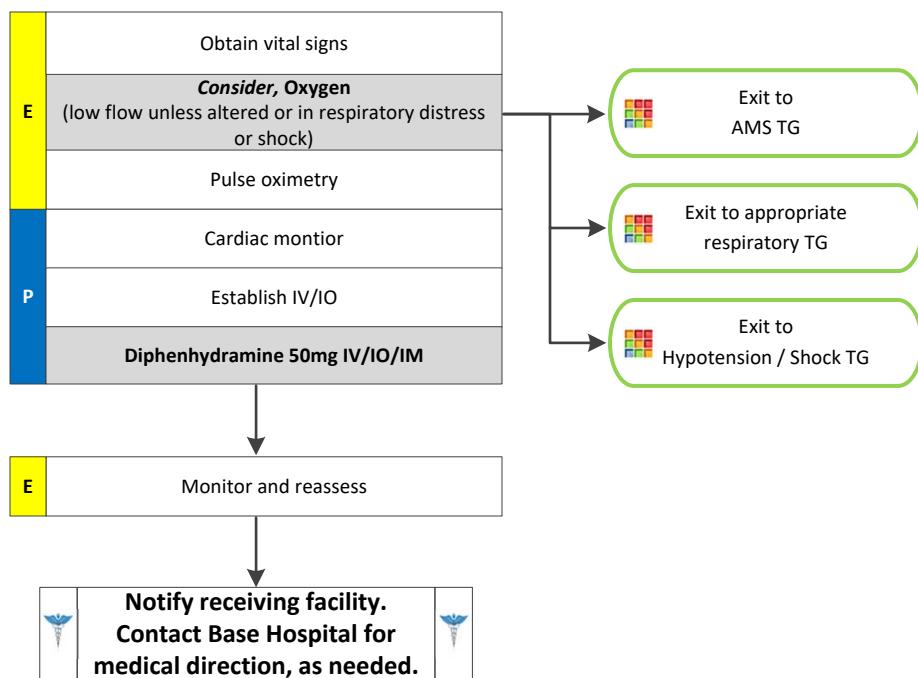
- Medical history
- Medications
- Abuse or recreational use of prescription medications

Signs and Symptoms

- Restlessness
- Muscle spasms of the neck, jaw and back
- Oculogyric crisis
- A “dragging leg”
- Speech difficulties

Differential

- Trauma
- Stroke
- Tumor
- Hypoxia
- Infection
- Drug reactions
- Poisoning

**Pearls**

- Common drugs implicated in dystonic reactions include many anti-emetics and anti-psychotic medications including, but not limited to:
 - Prochlorperazine (Compazine)
 - Haloperidol (Haldol)
 - Metoclopramide (Reglan)
 - Promethazine (Phenergan)
 - Fluphenazine (Prolixin)
 - Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)
 - Many other anti-psychotic and anti-emetic drugs
- Rarely, benzodiazepine drugs have been implicated as a cause of dystonic reaction.



Treatment Guideline A10