

SELF ADMINISTRATION OF NERVE GAS AUTO-INJECTOR

Indications

- Exposure to nerve/chemical agents (Sarin, Suman, Tabun, Vx) exhibiting signs and symptoms that may include the following:
- S.L.U.D.G.E.M.- Salivation, Lacrimation, Urination, Defecation, Gastrointestinal pain and gas, Emesis, Miosis

Contraindication

Not to be administered as a prophylactic to nerve agents

Equipment

Nerve Gas Auto Injector
(Atropine and Pralidoxime)

Mild symptoms of exposure

- Blurred vision, miosis
- Excessive, unexplained teary eyes
- Excessive, unexplained runny nose
- Increased salivation, drooling
- Chest tightness/difficulty breathing
- Tremors/muscular twitching
- Nausea, vomiting
- Unexplained wheezing/cough
- Acute onset of stomach cramps
- Tachycardia or bradycardia

Severe symptoms of exposure

- Strange or confused behavior
- Severe difficulty breathing or copious airway secretions
- Severe muscular twitching and general weakness
- Involuntary urination and defecation
- Convulsions
- Unconsciousness

Administer one injection into the mid-lateral thigh if patient experiences two or more MILD symptoms of exposure. Wait 10-15 minutes for medication to take effect

Immediately administer three injections into the mid-lateral thigh in rapid succession

If after 10-15 min. no severe symptoms develop

- No additional injections are recommended.

If after 10-15 min. any severe symptoms develop

- Give 2 additional injections in rapid succession.

Transfer care to ALS personnel as soon as possible.