

# 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
- OR
- consider use of the **Duodote®** if available

### 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