

**Treatment Protocols****Date: 02/01/2021****Poisoning/Intoxication/Envenomation - Adult****Policy #9160A****Adult BLS Standing Orders**

- Ensure EMS provider safety, consider HAZMAT activation. Recognize, Notify, Isolate
- Universal Patient Protocol
- Do not approach patient or location if scene safety is in question
- Obtain accurate history of incident:
  - Name of product or substance
  - Quantity ingested, and/or duration of exposure
  - Time elapsed since exposure
  - If safe and accessible, bring medications or bottles to hospital
- Move victim(s) to safe environment
- Externally decontaminate - PRN
- Continuously monitor ECG, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, and capnography (if ALS present) PRN
- Give oxygen and provide airway support per **Airway Policy**
- Contact Poison Control Center as needed **1 (800) 222-1222**

**Suspected Opioid Overdose with Respirations <12 RPM**

- If possible, avoid the use of a supraglottic device prior to the administration of naloxone
- May assist family/friends on-scene with administration of patient's own naloxone
- NOTE - Use with caution in opioid dependent pain management patients
- Assess vitals, with specific attention to respiratory rate and respiratory drive
- Note pupil exam
- Note drug paraphernalia or medication bottles near patient
- Administer naloxone 0.1 mg/kg, max of 2 mg IN. May repeat up to three (3) times, q5min

**Suspected Stimulant Overdose with Sudden Hypoventilation, Oxygen Desaturation, or Apnea**

- High flow O2
- Ventilate PRN

**Skin/Eye Contact (Isolated Incident)**

- Remove contaminate clothing, brush off powder, rinse with water for at least 20 minutes
- Remove contacts, brush off powder, irrigate eyes with sterile for 20 minutes
- NOTE – Ensure product or substance does not react violently with water prior to beginning of irrigation

**Envenomation****Snake Bite/Scorpion Sting**

- Keep involved extremity immobile, at or slightly below heart level
- Mark proximal extent of swelling
- Remove jewelry on the same limb, and/or around the neck if the trunk, neck or head bitten
- Keep patient calm, do not allow to walk
- Do not attempt to bring the animal in to the hospital

**Bee Stings**

- Remove stinger by flicking or scraping with a card
- Apply cold compress to site

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- Apply cold compress to site

**Toxic Inhalation (Suspected CO or Cyanide Exposure, Smoke, Gas, etc.)**

- Give high flow oxygen via NRB mask at 15 LPM

**Hyperthermia Secondary to Stimulant**

- Initiate cooling measures per **Hyperthermia Protocol**
- Obtain baseline temperature

**Adult LALS Standing Order Protocol**

- Establish IV PRN
- 500-1,000 mL NS IV bolus PRN hypotension

**Hyperthermia Secondary to Stimulant**

- Cold NS – 500-1,000 mL - IV (if clear lungs.) May repeat x one (1)

**Toxic Inhalation (CO Exposure, Smoke, Gas, etc.)**

- Albuterol - 2.5 mg nebulized (give 5 mg for severe distress.) May repeat/continuous administration PRN

**Suspected Opioid Overdose with Respirations < 12 RPM**

- Administer naloxone 0.1 mg/kg, max of 2 mg IV/IN. May repeat up to three (3) times, q5min

**Ingested Poisons**

- Activated Charcoal – 1-2 g/kg PO if within 60 minutes of ingestion or recommended by Poison Control Center (Adults: 50-100 g)
- Ensure patient has gag reflex and is cooperative
- NOTE – Exceptions to activated charcoal administration: acids, alcohol, alkalines, petroleum distillates, caustic substances, iron or drugs that cause rapid onset of seizures (e.g. camphor, tricyclics)

**Adult ALS Standing Order Protocol**

- Continuously monitor ECG, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, and capnography
- EtCO<sub>2</sub> is required for all intoxications
- Insert ETT PRN per **Airway Policy**
- Establish IO PRN
- Obtain a 12 Lead

**Stimulant Overdose****Severe Agitation**

- Midazolam - 0.2 mg/kg - IN to max dose 10 mg, may repeat x1 in 10 min  
Or
- Midazolam - 0.2 mg/kg IM to max dose 10 mg, may repeat x 1 in 10 min  
Or
- Midazolam - 0.1 mg/kg IV to max dose 4 mg, may repeat x 1 in 10 min

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- NOTE – For severely agitated patient, IN/IM
- Midazolam is preferred route to decrease risk of injury to patient and EMS personnel
- NOTE – As soon as able, monitor ECG/Capnography/O<sub>2</sub> saturation and obtain blood glucose

**Extrapyramidal Reactions**

- Diphenhydramine - 25-50 mg IV/IM

**Toxic Inhalation (CO or Cyanide Exposure, Smoke, Gas, etc.)**

- Consider administration of hydroxocobalamin, sodium nitrate or sodium thiosulfate. See **Cyanide Toxicity Policy**
- If hypotensive, consider NS 1,000 ml bolus

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- Administer naloxone 0.1 mg/kg, max of 2 mg IM/IV/IN/IO. May repeat up to three (3) times, q5min
- If patient unconscious and breathing ineffectively after naloxone, consider intubation per **Airway Policy**

**Organophosphate Poisoning****For respiratory secretions and/or distress:**

- Atropine - 2 mg IV/IM. Repeat q 3-5 minutes until airway improved (decreased secretions, easier to ventilate)

**For seizures:**

- Midazolam - 0.2 mg/kg IM/IN max 10 mg  
Or
- Midazolam 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO to max dose 4 mg

**Tricyclic Overdose (Altered LOC, Tachycardia, Prolonged QRS)**

- Sodium Bicarbonate – 1-2 mEq/kg (max 1 amp or 50 mEq) q3-5min until QRS narrows to < 100 ms and hypotension improves

**Adult Base Hospital Orders****Organophosphate Poisoning**

- **BH** - Repeat Midazolam - 0.2 mg/kg IM to max dose 10 mg  
Or
- **BH** –Repeat Midazolam - 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO to max dose 4 mg

**Toxic Inhalation (Suspected Cyanide exposure)**

- **BH** - Administer hydroxocobalamin (0.7 mg/kg up to 5 grams) IV piggyback over 15 minutes  
Or

If hydroxocobalamin is not available, and there is no clinical suspicion for carbon monoxide poisoning, administer sodium nitrite AND sodium thiosulfate

- **BH** - Administer sodium nitrite (6 mg/kg up to 300 mg) IV over 5 minutes AND sodium thiosulfate (400 mg/kg up to 12.5 grams) IV piggyback over 10 minutes

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- **Use caution when considering midazolam use with ETOH intoxication or depressants. May result in apnea**
- Notify receiving facilities and EMS Agency of HazMat incidents requiring mass decontamination of victims prior to arrival in ED if possible
- Request CHEMPAK resources through EMS Agency/MHOAC program for incidents involving multiple victims with organophosphate poisoning

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