



EMSA-Intermediate Treatment Protocol 5606

Ingestion Poisoning/Overdose

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There are numerous agents and drugs which produce toxic effects in patients. This protocol is designed to provide the general guidelines for treatment. Specific treatments or antidote therapy may be appropriate as directed by the Medical Command Physician in consultation with the WV Poison Control Center. Providing as much information as possible to Medical Command will allow more accurate evaluation, treatment, and coordination of medical care.

- A. Perform **MAMP Protocol 5201**.
- B. Determine the substance ingested:
 1. What?
 2. When?
 3. How much?
 4. Over what period of time?
 5. Determine if any actions were taken by bystanders, family members, and/or patient prior to EMS arrival.
- C. Expedite transport and notify Medical Command.
- D. If patient has decreased level of consciousness (GCS <12):
 1. Treat per **Unconscious Patient Protocol 5605**.
 2. If patient is intubated, insert naso-gastric tube and administer activated charcoal 1 gm/kg down NG **per order of Medical Command**.
- E. If patient is alert and cooperative, administer activated charcoal 1 gm/kg orally, unless contraindicated.
- F. Treat seizures, hypotension, and other associated conditions per appropriate protocols.

