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Protocol	2.1.25 Poisoning or Overdose	Last Reviewed/Update Date	
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This protocol will address common poisoning and overdose treatments. If you are unsure of the overdose or exposure, treat the symptoms as they present. If you are unable to rule out trauma, follow the Baseline Trauma Care Standards.

1. Baseline Care Standards.
2. Maintain airway per Airway Management protocol.
3. Establish IV Normal Saline TKO.
4. Monitor ECG and O<sub>2</sub> saturations.
5. Try to find the source of the poisoning or overdose; ask patient, bystanders, search for pill bottles, etc.
6. Call poison control **1-800-222-1222**.
7. If the patient is cooperative, maintaining an airway, and not mentally altered, administer:
  - *Activated Charcoal 1 gm/kg PO.*
8. Perform blood glucose test. If glucose is <60 mg/dl, go to Diabetic Emergencies protocol.
9. If QRS complex is wide (> 0.12 seconds), administer:
  - *Sodium Bicarbonate 1mEq/kg IV.*
7. If patient has depressed respirations, administer:
  - *Narcan® 2mg IV. If no response repeat dose up to a max. dose of 4mg.*
8. If patient is seizing, go to Seizure protocol.
9. If systolic BP <90 mmHg, give fluid challenge of 500 ml.
10. If combative, restrain patient per protocol.

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