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Protocol	2.2.25 Poisoning or Overdose - Pediatric	Last Reviewed/Update Date	
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This protocol will address common poisoning or 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. Rapid assessment and support of airway, ventilation, oxygenation, and circulation are paramount in toxicological emergencies. Physical signs such as pupil size and response to light, skin color and temperature, seizure activity, and heart rate may have a particular value and diagnostic significance to the patient with a toxic exposure.

1. Baseline Care Standards.
2. Maintain airway per Airway Management protocol.
3. Establish IV Normal Saline TKO PRN.
4. Monitor ECG and O₂ 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.*
10. If patient has depressed respirations administer:
 - *Narcan® 0.1mg/kg IV.*
11. If patient is seizing, go to Seizure protocol.

12. If hypotensive, give fluid challenge of 20 ml/kg.

13. If combative, restrain patient per protocol.

Medical Director's Signature

Date

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