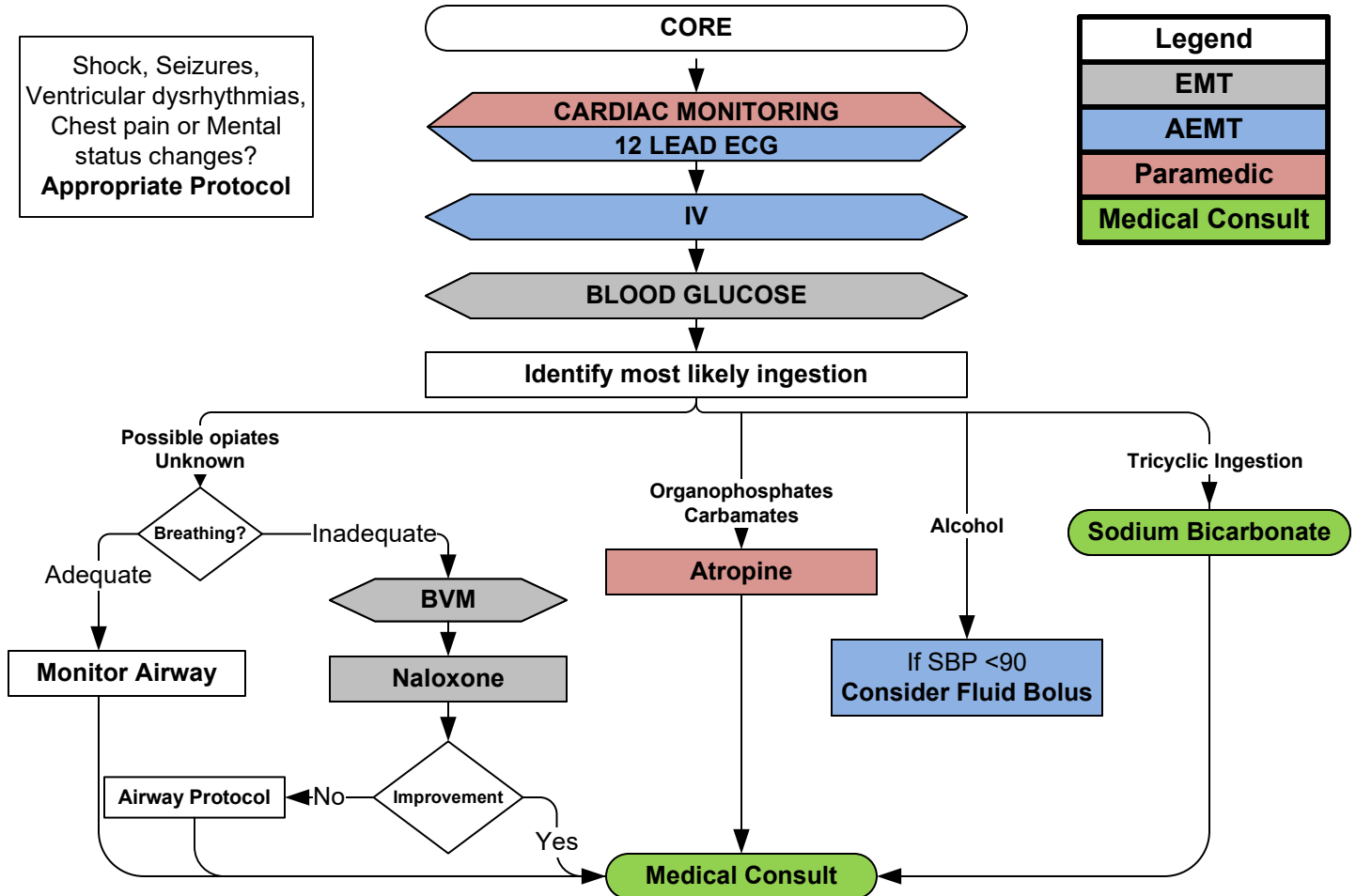


OVERDOSE / TOXIC INGESTION

History: ○ Ingestion or suspected ingestion of a potentially toxic substance ○ Substance ingested, route, quantity ○ Time of ingestion ○ Reason (suicidal, accidental, criminal) ○ Available medications in home ○ SAMPLE	Signs and Symptoms: ○ Mental status changes ○ Hypotension / hypertension ○ Decreased respiratory rate ○ Tachycardia, dysrhythmias ○ Seizures ○ Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, defecation ○ Sweating, tearing, rash ○ Decreased oxygen saturation/CO2 retention	Differential: ○ Acetaminophen (tylenol) ○ Narcotics/depressants ○ Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) ○ Stimulants-cocaine, amphetamines ○ Anticholinergic-Benadryl ○ Cardiac medications ○ Solvents, Alcohols, Cleaning agents ○ Insecticides (organophosphates)
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Pearls:

- Naloxone is preferentially administered intranasally even in the presence of established venous access. Side effects such as nausea, vomiting and combativeness are significantly decreased with IN administration.
- Do not rely entirely on patient history of ingestion, especially in suicide attempts.
- Bring bottles, contents, emesis to ED.
- Tricyclic: 4 major areas of toxicity: seizures, dysrhythmias, hypotension, decreased mental status or coma; be aware of rapid progression from alert mental status to death.
- Acetaminophen: initially normal or nausea/vomiting. If not detected and treated, causes irreversible liver failure.
- Depressants: decreased HR, decreased BP, decreased temperature, decreased respirations, non-specific pupils.
- Stimulants: increased HR, increased BP, increased temperature, dilated pupils, seizures.
- Anticholinergic: increased HR, increased temperature, dilated pupils, mental status changes.
- Cardiac Meds: Hypotension, dysrhythmias and mental status changes.
- Solvents: nausea, vomiting, and mental status changes.
- Insecticides: SLUDGE-Salivation, Lacrimation, Urination, Defecation, GI distress, & Emesis.
- Consider restraints if necessary for patient's and/or personnel's protection per the **RESTRAINT Procedure**.
- Consider contacting the state Poison Control Center for guidance via speed dial # 5040.