

Subject: Poisoning/Overdose Treatment Policy

I. Definition	
A. None.	
II. Basic Life Support	
Note: Public Safety First-Aid and First Responders require prior authorization from their agencies AND North Coast EMS to carry and administer intranasal Narcan.	
A. Provide General Medical Care. B. Consider contacting Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222 if transport is extended or delayed. C. Suspected narcotic overdose: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the presence of respiratory depression or arrest: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer nasal spray Narcan 4 mg IN. 	
III. Advanced Life Support	
Adult	Pediatric (less than 14 years of age)
A. Cyclic antidepressants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the presence of widened QRS complex on EKG. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer Sodium Bicarbonate 50 mEq/dL IV. (1) May repeat once if widened QRS complex persists. B. Narcotic overdose: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the presence of respiratory depression or arrest: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer Narcan titrated to achieve adequate respiratory drive IV/IM/IN. C. Phentothiazine/dystonic reaction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administer Diphenhydramine 1 mg/kg IV/IM. Max dose 50 mg. 	A. Cyclic antidepressants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the presence of widened QRS complex on EKG. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administer Sodium Bicarbonate 1mEq/kg, IV or IO, may repeat 0.5mEq/kg, every 10 minutes. B. Narcotic overdose: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the presence of respiratory depression or arrest: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pediatrics Greater than 20 kgs. Administer Narcan 0.4 -2.0mg IV, IM, IO or IN. IN dose is 2mg/2cc administered to each nostril or with preloaded Narcan IN device. b. Neonates/Infants less than 20 kg: 0.01mg/kg – 0.1mg/kg IV, IM or IO. C. Phentothiazine/dystonic reaction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administer Diphenhydramine 1-2mg/kg, IV, IM or IO slowly.
IV. Special Considerations	
A. Narcan should only be administered in the presence of respiratory depression or arrest. Narcan is not indicated in the presence of decreased mentation alone.	
V. Base Orders	
A. None.	
VI. Contraindications	
A. None.	
VII. Cross Reference	
A. General Medical Care	Policy No. Draft
B.	