

Kittitas County Prehospital Care Protocols

Subject: POISONING AND OVERDOSE

General

- A. Establish and maintain airway.
- B. If patient alert, transport.
- C. Unconscious or depressed LOC:
 - 1. If stable, administer O₂ @ 4-6 lpm per nasal cannula.
 - 2. If unstable, administer O₂ @ 12-15 lpm per non-rebreather mask.
- D. History to include: search for evidence of toxins (pill bottles, drug paraphernalia, etc.), and bring to emergency department.
- E. Contact Poison Control or Emergency Department for advice.
- F. Establish cardiac monitor if indicated.
- G. Consider endotracheal intubation if appropriate.
- H. If prolonged transport (> 20 minutes), administer **activated charcoal**, 25 grams mixed with a glass of water, PO.
- I. Establish peripheral IV access with 0.9% NaCl @ TKO.

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