

Kittitas County Prehospital EMS Protocols

SUBJECT: **ACTIVATED CHARCOAL**

ACTION:

Absorbs toxins by chemical binding with large surface area.

INDICATIONS:

Poisoning following emesis or where emesis is contraindicated.

SIDE EFFECTS:

None in severe poisoning.

DOSAGE:

Two tablespoons (50 grams) mixed in a glass of water (slurry).

ROUTE:

Oral

PEDIATRIC DOSE:

1 gram/kg, avoid **charcoal** with **sorbitol**.