Poisoning and Overdose Emergencies
Scans

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Ingested Poisons
(1) Quickly gather information.
(2) Call medical direction on the scene or en route to the hospital.
(3) If directed, administer activated charcoal. You may wish to administer the medication in an opaque cup that has a lid with a hole for a straw.
(4) Position the patient for vomiting and save all vomitus. Have suction equipment ready.
Activated Charcoal
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Inhaled Poisons
(1) Remove the patient from the source of the poison.
(2) Establish an open airway.
(3) Insert an oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal airway and administer high-concentration oxygen by mask.
(4) Gather the patient's history, take baseline vital signs, and expose the chest for auscultation.
(5) Contact medical direction.
(6) Transport the patient.
Absorbed Poisons
(1) Remove the patient from the source or the source from the patient. Avoid contaminating yourself with the poison.
(2) Brush powders from the patient. Be careful not to abrade the patient's skin.
(3) Remove contaminated clothing and other articles.
(4) Irrigate with clear water for at least 20 minutes. Catch contaminated runoff and dispose of it safely.
(5) Contact medical direction.
(6) Transport the patient.