

**TREATMENT PROTOCOL: OVERDOSE / POISONING (SUSPECTED) \***

1. Basic airway
2. Pulse oximetry
3. Oxygen prn
4. If narcotic overdose, consider  
**Naloxone** 2mg IM or IN prior to venous access or advanced airway
5. Advanced airway prn
6. Cardiac monitor prn: document rhythm; attach ECG strip if dysrhythmia identified and refer to appropriate treatment protocol
7. Venous access prn
8. Perform blood glucose test, if blood glucose is less than 60mg/dl:  
Consider oral glucose preparation, if patient is awake and alert  
**Dextrose**  
50% 50ml slow IV push  
 **Pediatric:** See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids  
**Less than 2yrs of age:** Dextrose 25% 2ml/kg slow IV push  
**2yrs of age or older:** Dextrose 50% 1ml/kg slow IV push up to 50ml  
If unable to obtain venous access:  
**Glucagon**  
 1mg IM  
**Pediatric:** See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
9. If hypotension, use Ref. No. 1246, Non-Traumatic Hypotension Treatment Protocol
10. If alert and oriented, reassess for potential deterioration
11. If altered level of consciousness  
**Naloxone**  
0.8-2mg IVP  
Titrate to adequate respiratory rate and tidal volume  
If unable to obtain venous access, hypoventilation or suspicion of narcotic overdose, 2mg IM or IN (1mg per nostril for a total dose of 2mg)  
 **Pediatric:** See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
12. **CONTINUE SFTP or BASE CONTACT**
13. If strong suspicion of narcotic overdose or partial response noted:  
**Naloxone**  
0.8-2mg IVP  
Titrate to adequate respiratory rate and tidal volume  
If unable to obtain venous access, hypoventilation or suspicion of narcotic overdose, 2mg IM or IN (1mg per nostril for a total dose of 2mg)  
 **Pediatric:** See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
14. If blood glucose remains less than 60ml/dl:  
**Dextrose**  
50% 50ml slow IV push  
 **Pediatric:** See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids  
**Less than 2yrs of age:** Dextrose 25% 2ml/kg slow IV push  
**2yrs of age or older:** Dextrose 50% 1ml/kg slow IV push up to 50ml
15. If blood glucose remains less than 60ml/dl and unable to obtain venous access:  
**Glucagon**  
1mg IM  
May be repeated every 20min two times  
 **Pediatric:** See Color Code Drug Doses/L.A. County Kids
16. Consider drugs of specific history. SFTP providers must contact base for order.
  - Calcium channel blocker: Calcium chloride 500-1000mg slow IV push
  - Tricyclic overdose with dysrhythmia or hypotension: Sodium bicarbonate 1mEq/kg IV push and refer to appropriate dysrhythmia treatment protocol