

CDU Toxicology Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Exclusion Criteria

1. Known ingestion of lethal material and amount
2. Unstable vital signs
3. Abnormal neurological exam including seizures, hallucinations, confusion, or unarousable
4. Cardiac arrhythmias (significant)
5. Need for decontamination procedures (other than GI)
6. Body packer or stuffer
7. Ingestion of corrosives
8. Unstable respiratory status

Clinical Decision Unit Interventions

1. Serial exams including Vital Signs every 4 hours
2. Await toxicological lab results (and repeat as indicated)
3. EKG monitoring
4. Pulse oximetry
5. Continued antidote administration up to 6 hours
6. Psychiatric consultation
7. Social Worker consultation

Disposition Criteria

1. Home or psychiatric transfer
 - a. Return of non-toxic lab values
 - b. Non change in normal exam
 - c. Stable vital signs
 - d. Return to pre-ingestion PE
2. Hospital
 - a. Return of lethal or significantly toxic lab value
 - b. Deterioration in neurologic function
 - c. Cardiac instability
 - d. Rule in exclusionary causes
 - e. Respiratory instability
 - f. Unstable vital signs

Time Frame

1. Up to 24 hours observation and treatment