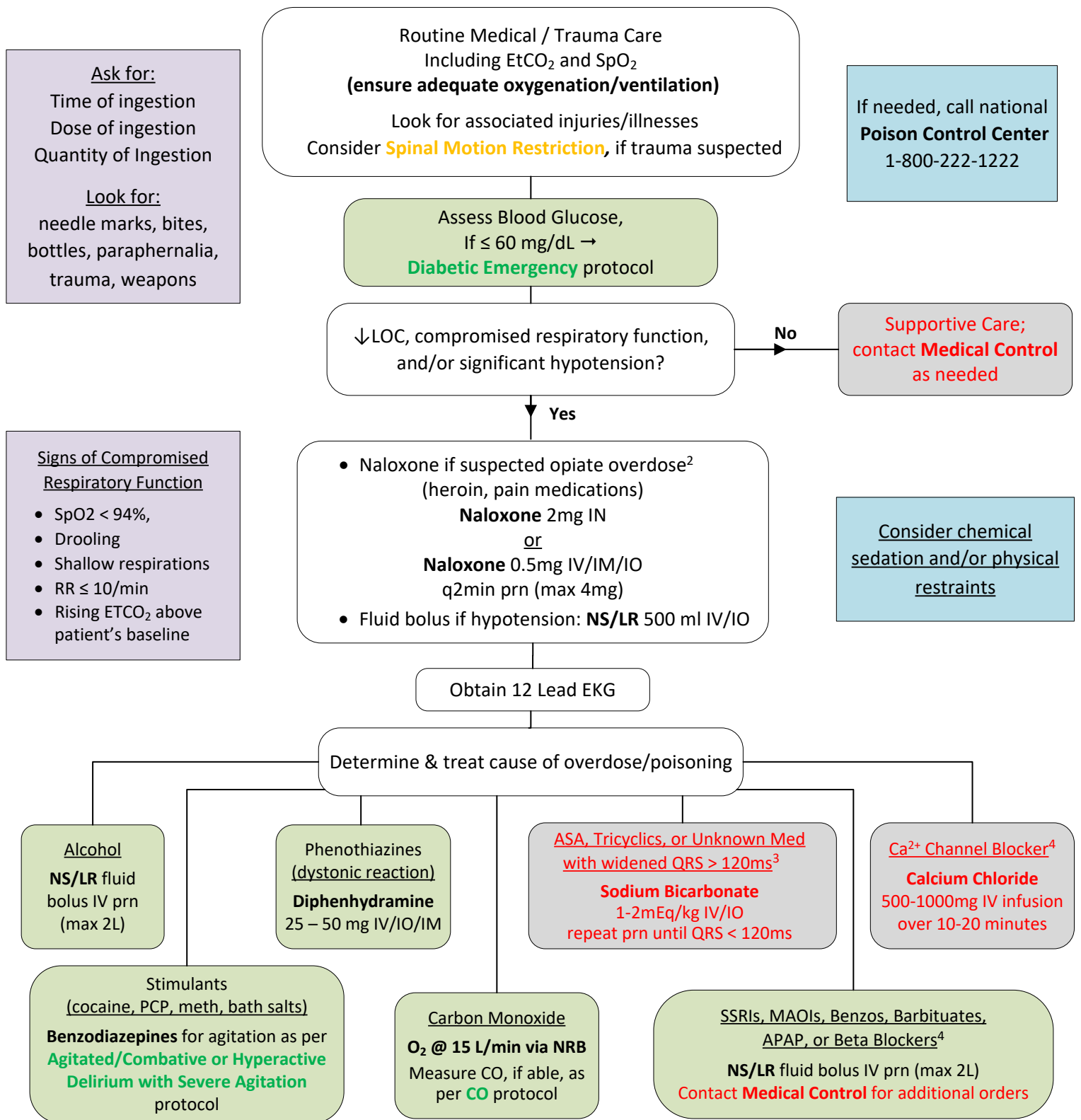


Overdose | Acute Poisoning



¹ Patients with altered mental status **cannot** be clinically cleared from a cervical collar

² Administer Naloxone until mentation improves and adequate ventilation/oxygenation is confirmed by RR, SpO₂, and EtCO₂. IV doses greater than 0.5mg increase the risk of flash pulmonary edema – this chance increases in proportion to the administered dose. Synthetic opioids (e.g. fentanyl, carfentanyl) tend to require doses greater than 2mg.

³ Symptoms include abnormal breathing, focal seizures, coma, AV blocks, ventricular arrhythmias, QRS >120ms, dominant R wave in aVR

⁴ Antihypertensive and antiepileptic overdoses frequently cause hypotension.

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