

# Poisoning in a child

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**Treatment**

Drink **milk or water** urgently after caustic substances  
**Naloxone** if **opiate** suspected (10 micrograms/kg IV repeated every 2-3 minutes to maximum dose of 2mg)  
 Consider **phenytoin** if **tricyclic antidepressant poisoning** (15-20 mg/kg IV infusion over 30 minutes then 2.5 to 7.5mg/kg 12 hourly)

**Drug elimination**

**Activated charcoal** 1g/kg urgent (not useful alcohol/iron) repeat after 4 hours  
 OR  
**Emesis** NOT after corrosives or petroleum products  
 NOT if impaired consciousness  
 Paediatric Ipecacuanha 10ml 6 months-2 years  
 15ml > 2 years  
**Gastric lavage** (for high lethality ingestions) 10-20ml/kg 0.9% saline aliquots  
 NOT after corrosives or petroleum products  
**Airway protection** is essential if impaired consciousness