

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