

ATYPICAL OVERDOSE

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• pale/cyanotic face

• breathing slowed or absent (blue/dusky/ashen)

• unresponsive to verbal stimuli

• unresponsive to painful stimuli

• flailing/dancing/tolling around

• sweaty or hot skin

• incoherent vocalizations & groaning

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

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NEW

NEW OPIOID OVERDOSE REPORTING'S CONSIST OF GROSS UNCOORDINATED FLAILING, SPONTANEOUS & PURPOSELESS MOVEMENT OF LIMBS, & ROLLING AROUND ON THE FLOOR.

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DYSKINESIA IS CHARACTERIZED AS INVOLUNTARY MUSCLE MOVEMENT, SOMETIMES CALLED FLAILING.

• Chorea: dance-like flailing of limbs, traditionally reported with cocaine or stimulant use.

• Myoclonus: sudden muscle contractions that results in jerks or twitches, associated with Opioid use.

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Muscle rigidity & dyskinesia are the most common type of atypical overdoses, & often occur in conjunction. Other atypical overdoses are a low or irregular heart rate, confusion, & anisocoria

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THE CRISIS

In the midst of the overdose crisis, the clinical features of opioid overdoses are reported to be changing. Atypical overdose is most likely to occur when using heroin or combinations of heroin & cocaine or methamphetamine.

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How To Support

- Keep area safe, move sharp objects, tripping hazard
- If able, bring them to the ground or sitting in a chair, of falling guide to the floor
- Try To watch for breathing Or blue lips/face/hands, coach them to breath.
- If they pass out, assess for rescue breathing needs
- Give naloxone, if safe to do so, watch for flailing limbs
- Keep distance to ensure your own safety & theirs
- CALL 9-1-1

NALOXONE 2mg/ml

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MEDICAL SUPPORT

- keep area safe & hazard free
- try to use pulse ox, if unable monitor for cyanosis
- administer naloxone if possible: 0.2mg could help them regain physical control & resp drive, full dose (0.4mg) recommended
- if giving oxygen, ensure the tank is secure & won't fall. Tubing won't increase harm
- continue to monitor & support, provide intervention as safe as possible

KEEP YOUR PALS ALIVE

CALL 9-1-1 WHEN IN DOUBT CALL FOR HELP!

- Do your best to keep them safe & breathing.
- The ambulance has added medical supports & rapid Response.
- The Good Samaritan drug overdose act will help protect you.
- If you have warrants, choose a pal without one to stay at the scene!

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DYSKINESIA/ DYSKINETIC OVERDOSE

(AKA: FLAIL)