



ATYPICAL OVERDOSE




WATCH FOR ABNORMAL FINDINGS


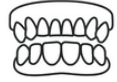
- Inability to speak
- Passing out
- Standing but not responding
- Eyes may be open
- Limpness To unstill body parts
- Cold or clammy skin
- Disorientation/confusion
- Heart rate/Rythem




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MONITOR FOR SEIZURE & CHEST TIGHTNESS


- Jaw clenching (most common)
- Stiff neck
- Decorticate posturing: arms bent in towards the body
- Legs held out straight (rigid)
- Clenched fists
- Overall stiffness
- Also noted:
 - Pale or cyanotic face
 - Unresponsive to verbal or pain stimuli
 - Breathing stopped




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- Confusion or delirium: often a typical overdose response, however, atypical confusion can occur with normal breathing patterns & oxygenation. Non-verbal, delayed/inappropriate responses, or inability to reorientate.
- Anisocoria or unequal pupils: less common but can be accompanied by disorientation
- Cardiac irregularities: heart rate dropping below 60, or irregular heart beat accompanied with breathing difficulties & cyanotic face



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MUSCLE RIGIDITY & OTHER ATYPICAL OVERDOSES

Chest wall rigidity occurs more frequent with synthetic lipid-soluble compounds such as fentanyl, acetylfentanyl, alfentanil, & sufentanil-less frequent with other opioids.

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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PROVIDE SUPPORT



- give naloxone & call 9-I-I
- stay with them & monitor
- continue to attempt stimuli (verbal & painful)
- reassure them, continue to explain what is happening & what you are doing
- coach for breathing/give rescue breathing (I breath every 5 sec)
- keep the space safe- remove sharp/hard objects
- bring them safely to the ground if possible
- position them On their side (in recovery)


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MEDICAL SUPPORT

- At risk for inability to insert an oral airway due to jaw clenching - nasal airway is recommended
- clenched fists or finger stiffness interfere with pulse oximeter monitoring, try using the ear lobe (better than nothing)
- stiff posturing makes lowering to the floor challenging. Have Extra staff support.



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KEEP YOUR PALS ALIVE





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

- if symptoms are unresolved with a dose of naloxone,
- it may be a neurologic or cardiac issue
- 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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