

# Diarrhea

For diarrhea without bleeding. NOT for melena, use Upper GI Bleeding

### History

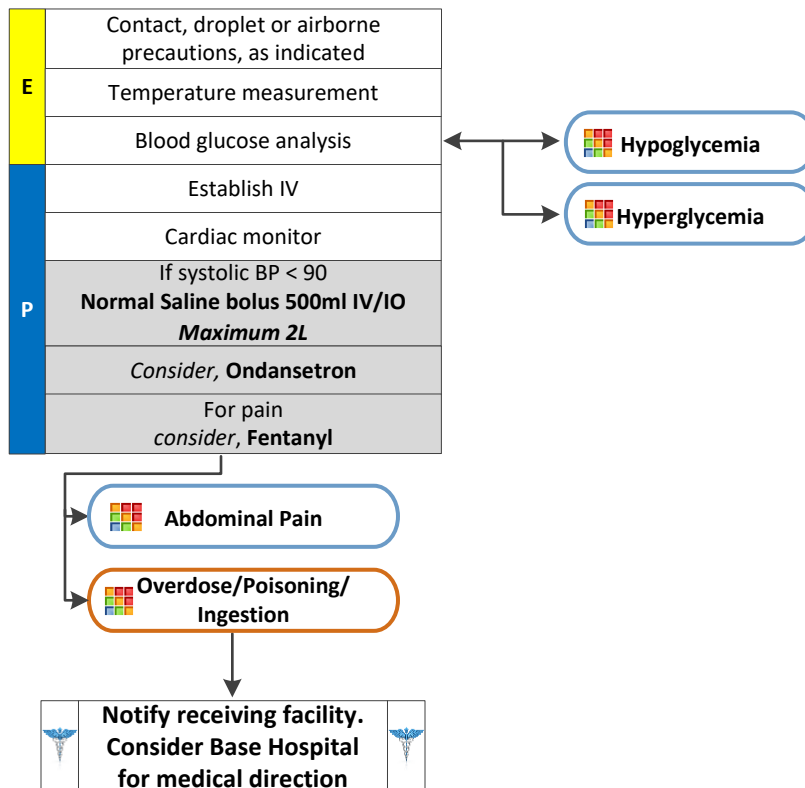
- Age
- Duration of symptoms
- Severity of symptoms
- Past medical history
- Medications
- Exposure to known food allergy
- Ingestion of new food
- Travel history

### Signs and Symptoms

- Warm
  - Flushed
  - Sweaty
  - Chills/rigors
- Associated Symptoms (helpful to localize source)**
- Malaise, cough, chest pain, headache, dysuria, abdominal pain, mental status changes, rash

### Differential

- Food intolerance or allergy
- Medication or drug reaction
- Viral infection
- Bacterial infection
- Cholecystitis
- Ebola



### Pearls

- Consider Ebola and obtain recent travel history.
- When you have a concern for a contagious infectious disease (i.e., measles, SARS, Ebola), contact your supervisor.