

Pediatric Dystonic Reaction

For suspected dystonic reaction (i.e., reaction, typically from antipsychotic medications, causing abnormal contraction of head and neck muscles)

History

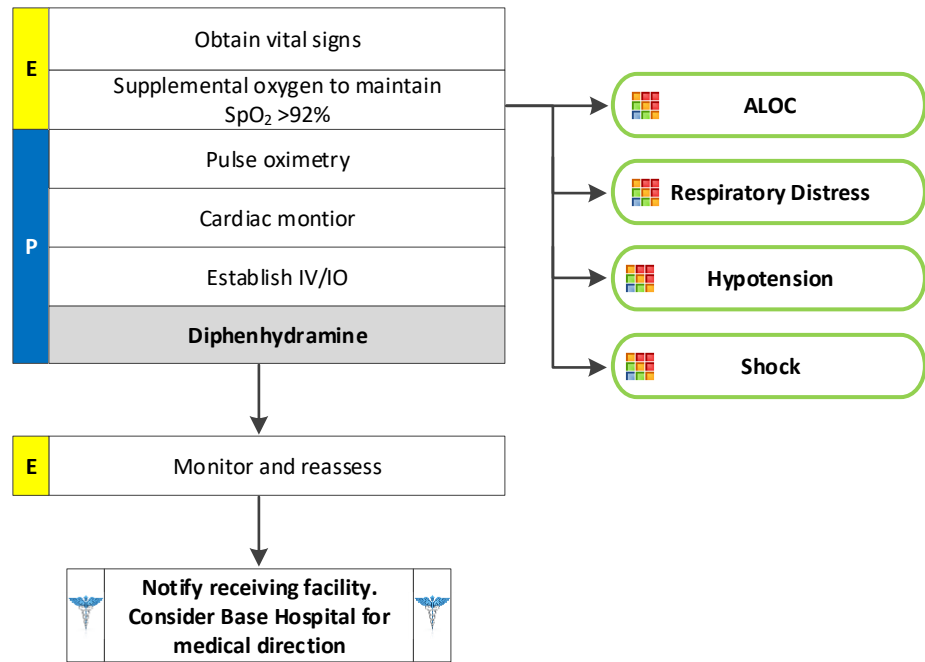
- Medical history
- Medications
- Abuse or recreational use of prescription medications

Signs and Symptoms

- Restlessness
- Muscle spasms of the neck, jaw and back
- Oculogyric crisis
- Speech difficulties

Differential

- Trauma
- Stroke
- Tumor
- Hypoxia
- Infection
- Drug reactions
- Poisoning



Pearls

- Common drugs implicated in dystonic reactions include many anti-emetics and anti-psychotic medications including, but not limited to:
 - Prochlorperazine (Compazine)
 - Haloperidol (Haldol)
 - Metoclopramide (Reglan)
 - Promethazine (Phenergan)
 - Fluphenazine (Prolixin)
 - Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)
 - Many other anti-psychotic and anti-emetic drugs

