Dystonic Reaction

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

History

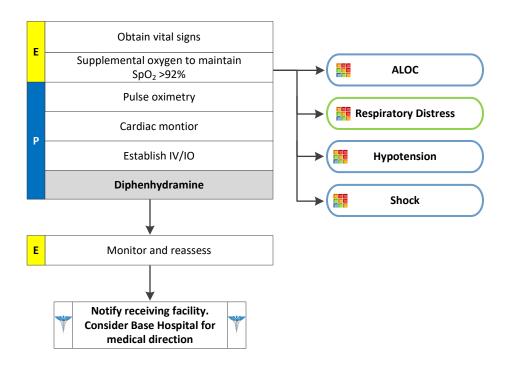
- Medical history
- Medications
- Abuse or recreational use of prescription medications

Signs and Symptoms

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

Differential

- TraumaStroke
- Tumor
- Tullion
- HypoxiaInfection
- 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)
 - Metoclopromide (Reglan)
 - Promethazine (Phenergan)

- Fluphenazine (Prolixin)
- Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)
- Many other anti-psychotic and anti-emetic drugs

