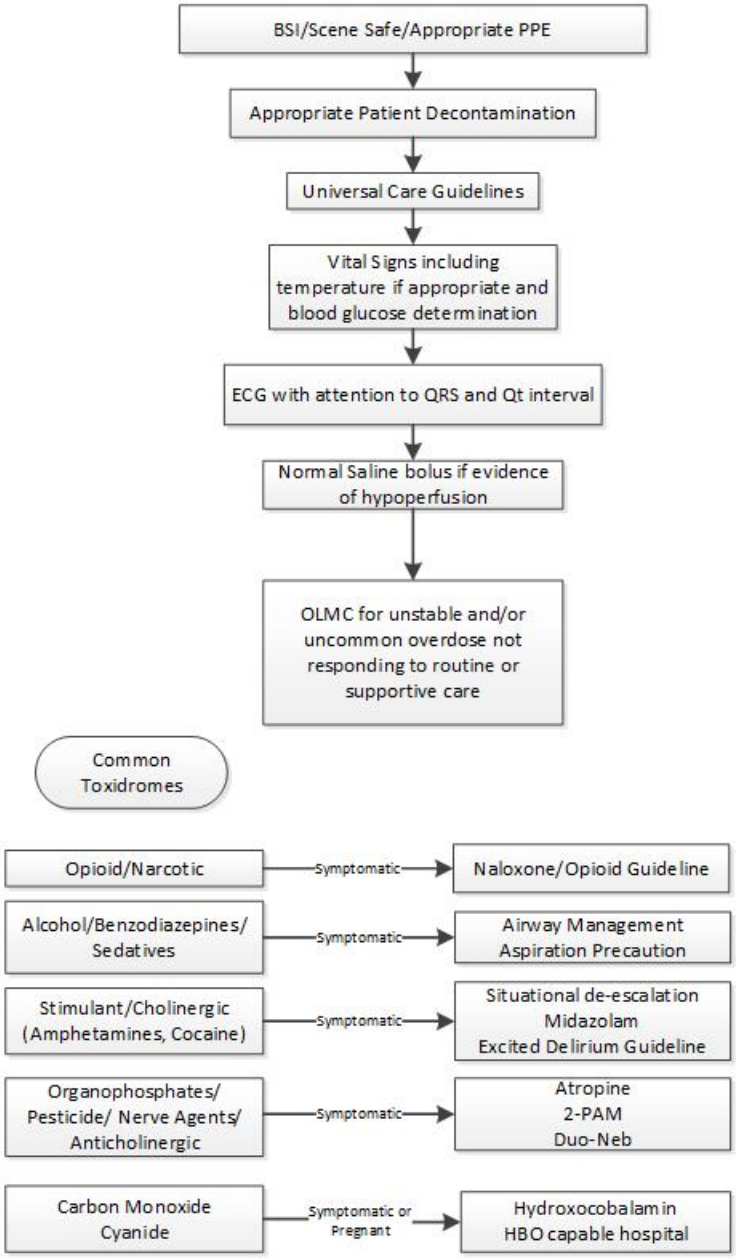
Toxins & Environmental: UNIVERSAL POISONING CARE Practice Guideline

Patient Care Goals
1. Ensure patient is removed from hazardous material environments and appropriately decontaminated.
2. Ascertain type of agent by toxidrome or testing.
3. Identify antidote or appropriate treatment.

Patient Presentation:
1. Absorption
2. Ingestion
3. Inhalation
4. Injection

Quality Improvement:
Key Documentation Elements
1. Possible etiology
2. Time of exposure
3. Response to treatment

Patient Safety Considerations
1. Maintain a high index of suspicion
2. Engage expert haz-mat resources for decontamination and assistance.
3. Ensure appropriate PPE for exposure.