

PIRATE



Primary survey

ABCDE assessment & stabilisation

Investigation & Identification

Investigation: ECG, lab, tox screen

(which agent, levels)

Identification: clinical features, history

Risk assessment

Agent type (immediate/slow release),
dose, time of ingestion, clinical features,
patient features (age, comorbidity)

ADME

Absorption ↓ : e.g. gastric lavage, activated charcoal

Distribution ↓ : e.g. Fab-fragments for Digoxine

Metabolism △ : e.g. N-AC for Paracetamol

Elimination ↓ : e.g. hemodialysis

Therapy

Resuscitation, antidote, specific therapy

Evaluation

Monitoring, observation, disposition,

Screen for child abuse , psychiatric evaluation

The PIRATE mnemonic is not intended to replace advice from the Poison Information Center. For advice on a specific case or intoxication, call your national poison center.

