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

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