

*Principle in management of
poisoned patient*

*What to do, and in what
order to do it?!*

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Poisoning in Jordan

- ▶ Period during 2006-2008 at the National Drug and Poison Information Center (NDPIC) (poisoning emergency no. 109)
- ▶ The problem is underestimated and sometimes unreported

بالدراسة
هنا

النتائج

كانت 50٪

تتبع من غير

فقد 24٪

منهم كانت

محاولات انتحارية

- ▶ The most common reason of poisoning was unintentional (49.39%), followed by suicidal attempts (23.94%)

- ▶ The highest incidence was in children less or equal to 5 years (34.9%), then 20-29 years (~23%)

Unintentional كانت
غالباً لا طفال

Poisoning in Jordan

السبب الرئيسي كان للدواء كان poisoning كانت الدواء
 * الأكثر شيوعاً acetaminophen
 بعد ذلك Sedative - Hypnotics

- The major cause of poisoning was due to drugs (42%) of all exposures, where acetaminophen products were responsible for most of the cases within this category (13.4%) then benzodiazepines, NSAID and then antihistamines

- ← كان ممكن يكون من الحيوانات مثل الحية أو العقلة مثلاً □ Bites and stings were relatively highly prevalent (23.7% of exposures), which is justified by the geographical nature of Jordan

- ← كان ممكن يكون من المنظفات □ Then household products, hydrocarbons and pesticides

How Does the Poisoned Patient

اول شي بعير CNS toxicity امريض بيفقد الوعي ويبطل قادر يتنفس

Many toxins depress the central nervous system (CNS)...coma

A comatose patients frequently lose their airway protective reflexes and their respiratory drive

.....may die as a result of airway obstruction by the

✓ flaccid tongue, → سالف لسانه

✓ aspiration of gastric contents in the tracheobronchial tree, or

✓ respiratory arrest → يتعير بسبب الادوية

.....most commonly due to overdoses of narcotics and sedative-hypnotic drugs (eg, barbiturates and alcohol)

← ليه يكون
هو قادر
يتنفس

← فقد الوعي
وبلش
يستفرغ
ورجعت رجوع
لاجهاز
التنفس

How Does the Poisoned Patient

يُصير بسبب عدة أشياء

- ① Cardiovascular toxicity.....Hypotension may be due to depression of cardiac contractility

② ✓ Hypovolemia resulting from vomiting, diarrhea → المريض فقد وائل كبير

③ ✓ Peripheral vascular collapse due to blockade of adrenoceptor-mediated vascular tone → إذا أخذ CCB / B.B. يتعمل ال Block ال Vasoilation
PVC ←

④ ✓ Lethal cardiac arrhythmias.....overdose of ephedrine, amphetamines, cocaine, digitalis, and theophylline → overdose من هاتي الادوية يتكون قاتلة

⑤ ✓ Hypothermia or hyperthermia can also produce severe hypotension حرارة المريض يرتفع بسبب

Medication معين فيصير Toxicity

↳ Hypotension → Cardiovascular collapse

How Does the Poisoned Patient

المريض ما بعون
من ال Seizure
لحاجتها كان
من الاعراض
Complications
ايه يصير بسببها

انه في اي شي بمعرفة
يصير يرجع لل
Respiratory tract
Complication

damage يصير
Brain cells
and neurons

Seizures may cause pulmonary aspiration, hypoxia, brain damage
→ cell damage

Cellular hypoxia may occur in spite of adequate ventilation (poisons that interfere with transport or utilization of oxygen cyanide, H₂S, CO..)

Other organ system damage may be delayed in onset.....
acetaminophen or certain mushrooms / paraquat

مثلا
من مريض
يستخد حرق
الصرع و قتل
ال sedative
Hypnotic

Finally some patients may die because the behavioral effects of the ingested drug may result in traumatic injury (alcohol/sedative hypnotic drugs)

وهمول بنحسوا
بكونوا محتاجين يكونوا
مرکزین (بسوق السيارة)

Principle in management of poisoned patient

While the majority of poisoned patients are awake and have stable vital signs, some may present unconscious or in shock.....so.....:

1. Always assess the condition of the patients
"ABCD" clinical evaluation
circulation → drug/disability
airway → Br.

2. Decide what must be done and in what order

3. Once the patient is stabilized, and only then, try to identify the poison, the quantity involved and how much time has been elapsed since exposure

4. Then, proceed with antidoting the poison

Airway.....Ensure airway and protect cervical spine

□ Airway Assessment:

- ✓ Consider to breath and speak to assess air entry
- ✓ Signs of obstruction (flaccid tongue, vomitus....)
- ✓ Apnea, dysphonia, cyanosis, airway distress

← نتأكد من عدم انسداد مجرى التنفس

→ نتأكد أنه لم يرفق قادر يتنفس

□ Management Goals:

- ✓ Prevent aspiration
- ✓ Permit adequate oxygenation

← Maintain proper oxygen supply

□ Basic Management

- ✓ Simple positioning in the lateral decubitus position
- ✓ Chin lift to open the airway
- ✓ Sweep and suction to clear mouth of foreign material



The lateral decubitus position for preliminary airway clearance. The person is lying on their side to help the tongue fall back and open the airway.



The airway is open for basic procedure. After the patient is tilted back, the tongue falls back and the airway is open.

Oral axis
Pharyngeal axis
Tracheal axis



SOURCE: Copyright, American Heart Association, *Instructor's Manual for Basic Life Support*, Dallas: American Heart Association, 1987.

* Figure 2-5. Head-tilt/chin-lift technique of opening airway.

Airway

- The airway can also be maintained with artificial oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal airway devices

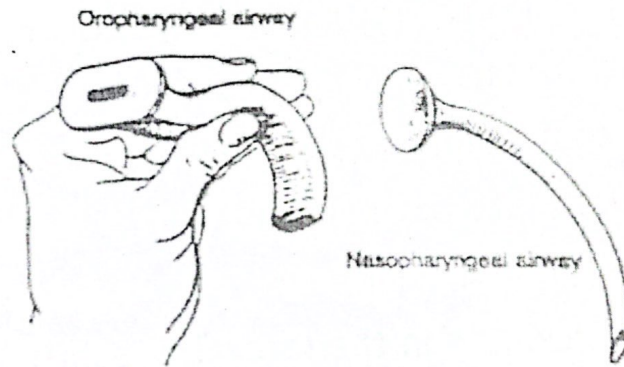


Figure 1

* هرآن بیس جذبوا
اجزیه عشان ال
airway یصل فاقح
بیس موی مد یطامل
معهم لانه ممکن لوحده
مو Trained یدخلها
خطأ اویادی انه
لریدار aspiration
اویادی ال Bleeding

Airway

- Endotracheal intubation: attempted only by those with training
- Complications: vomiting with pulmonary aspiration; local trauma to the oropharynx, nasopharynx, and larynx; inadvertent intubation of the esophagus or a main-stem bronchus; and failure to intubate the patient after respiratory arrest has been induced by a neuromuscular blocker

□ Indications: متى يحتاج هاي الطريقة

- ✓ Unable to protect airway
- ✓ Inadequate spontaneous ventilation

✓ Arterial blood gases ($p\text{CO}_2 > 60\%$) → High CO_2 means in ability to breath

و ارتفاع CO_2 دى يؤدي الى تقليل الـ pH of the Blood - which leads to respiratory acidosis

Breathing

Pulse Oximetry



→ انا كذا انه
ال airway فالتج
بس المريض ليتنفس اول!!

ممكنا يكون
واضح
يطلع ال chest
يرتفع وينزل اذا
اه ليتنفس
او صوت النفس
كان

- By observation and oximetry (monitor the saturation of pt's Hb)
- Ventilatory failure.....most common cause of death in poisoned patients:
- Hypoxia.....brain damage, cardiac arrhythmias, and cardiac arrest
- Hypercarbia or hypercapnia.....acidosis (may contribute to arrhythmias) →

acidosis → زيادة CO_2 بالدم

معين مضاعفات
ارتفاع ال CO_2

- □ LOOK for mental status, chest movement, respiratory rate
- □ LISTEN for air escaping during exhalation, sound of obstruction
- □ FEEL for the flow of air, chest wall for crepitus
- □ ASSESS tracheal position, auscultation of all lung fields

ممكنا يكون في اسباب ال respiratory depression بس المريض ماع
ليتنفس ممكنا بسبب paralysis

هاد زح يادي الى Hypoxia
↓ PO_2 (Oxg saturation) ← ↓ O_2 Conc
Hypercapnia ← ↑ PCO_2 ← زح توصل للخلايا يتقل Hemoglobin
كمية ال oxg الي زح تشبع

Circulation →

* نَتَّأَكْ اِنَّه
Heart rhythm
Regular or not

* بَدْنَا نَتَّأَكْ هَلَا
of maintaining Blood ~~in~~ in the
Circulation → عند طريق نَتَّأَكْ
pulse rate + B.P من اَر

- ☐ Check skin color, temperature, capillary refill
pale ← باهيت
Cyanose ← ازرق
- ☐ Check blood pressure and pulse rate and rhythm
- ☐ Management: stop major external bleeding
- ☐ Begin continuous ECG monitoring

Disability

To The patient
Response to my
Commands

Assess level of consciousness by **AVPU** method

بحكي مع المريض
وبرد علي

A.....ALERT

V.....responds to VERBAL stimuli

يتحركه
ارفع آيدك
برفعها

يتعشني شيء
علي ايده او
يتشد عليها
عشان تشوف اذا
يتوجع

P.....responds to PAINFUL stimuli

U.....UNRESPONSIVE → Because of comatose ممكن

*هاد الشيء
reflects if
there's a
neuronal
or not

Size and reactivity of pupils

لما اخط علي
العين الضو المعروض
يضيّر Constriction

ازا
الطون
الضووماني
استجابي
محتارة في
مشكلة بالتصعب

Movement of upper and lower extremities

damage → central or peripheral
لانه مين اي بحس بالآلم؟
sensory neurons ال

Neurological status

* Forrr surrec *
* مو للحفظ *

Depression	Symptoms
Stage 0	Asleep; drowsy but accountable; respond to verbal
Stage 1	Gag reflex, DRT present, respond to pain
Stage 2	DRT present, gag reflex present, no response to pain
Stage 3	DRT absence, no response to pain
Stage 4	Stage 3 symptoms + cardiovascular and respiratory compromise

DRT → اعطى
منه ما اعطى
أي response
في مشكله

DRT: deep tender reflex

Neurological status

Excitation	Symptoms
Stage 1	Restlessness, insomnia, tachycardia, flushed face, mydriasis
Stage 2	Stage 1 symptoms + convulsion, mild pyrexia
Stage 3	Arrhythmia, delirium, mania, HTN, hyperpyrexia
Stage 4	Stage 3 symptoms + <u>convulsion</u> and/or <u>coma</u>

اعلى
درجة

The DONT Cocktail

* المريض يعاني من صدول وهاد
Thiamine deficiency
Syndrome موبوط ب

- ▶ Given to prevent or treat Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome (encephalopathy & psychosis) resulting from thiamine deficiency in alcoholic patients (poor diet) and others with suspected vitamin deficiencies (100 mg, in the IV bottle or intramuscularly)

anti dot
for
opioids
overdose

- ▶ Naloxone: All patients with CNS depression and respiratory depression should receive naloxone!
- ▶ **Caution:** may precipitate abrupt opioid withdrawal

ليكون
Symptoms
مميزه ل
poison
معين

The DONT Cocktail

* Organophosphate poisoning

- 1) diarrhea 2) urination
- 3) Bradycardia 4) vomiting

* 3 أعراض مميزه بنعرف
انه المريض عنده opioid overdose

- 1) pinpoint pupils (Miosis)
- 2) loss of consciousness
- 3) respiratory depression

- ▶ DOSE:
- ▶ 0.4 mg IV (may also be given intramuscularly)
- ▶ If there is no response within 1-2 minutes, give naloxone, 2 mg IV
- ▶ If there is still no response and opioid overdose is highly suspected give naloxone, 10-20 mg IV

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Exposure

- Remove clothes and other items that interferes with a full evaluation

* remove any contaminated clothes *

ويُفضل ~~اللباس~~ المريض كمان

History

- Historical data should include the type of toxin ← تعرف
عن المادة

- Route of administration (e.g. ingestion, inhalation, intravenous) ← وطريقة
أخذها

- Also ask about prior suicide attempts or psychiatric history

↘ إذا كان يحاول
يُنذِر

Identify the toxicant

☐ Patient history

SATS

- S: substance (name, ingredients, regular acting or sustained release, enteric coated?)
- A: amount ingested
- T: time ingested/exposure
- S: symptoms (relate time ingestion to symptoms)

Identify the toxicant

☐ AMPLE

- A: allergies, age, gender, wt
- M: medication (including prescription drugs, OTC medication, vitamins, and herbal preparation)
- P: past diseases, substance abuse or intentional ingestion
- L: last meal....influence absorption
- E: events leading to current condition

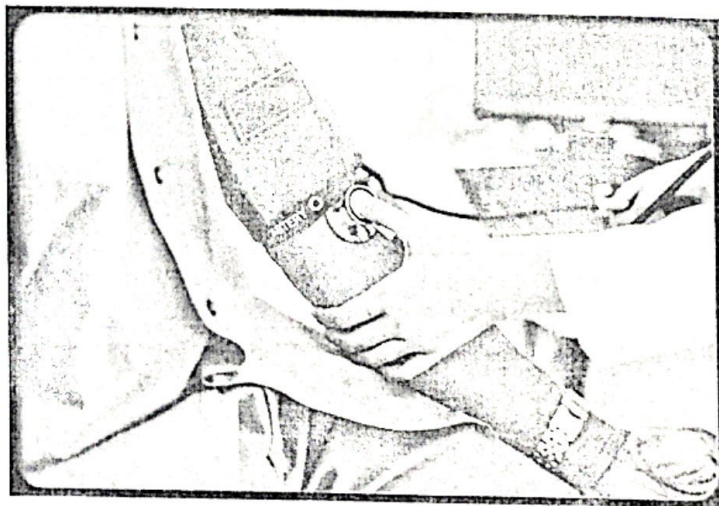
عشان نعرف
ازا ماخذ
في oral
لانه يمتزج على
rate of subs
absorption from
the GI

2. Physical Examination

□ During the collection of data (history), a brief physical examination should be performed, emphasizing those areas most likely to give clues to the toxicologic diagnosis

□ These includes: vital signs^① (BLOOD PRESSURE, PULSE, RESPIRATIONS AND TEMPERATURE), eyes^② and mouth^③, skin^④, abdomen^⑤, and nervous system^⑥

Blood Pressure



ادوية متوقع نحل

HYPERTENSION ?

- ❖ Sympathomimetics
- ❖ Amphetamines
- ❖ Cocaine
- ❖ MAOI
- ❖ Nicotine

ادوية متوقع نحل

HYPOTENSION ?

* ابي دوا الـ α -Blocking
Effect Hypotension

* و يمكن ان
Anti Histamine α -Blocking

❖ Antipsychotic

❖ Beta blockers

❖ Calcium channel
blockers

❖ Ethanol

❖ Nitrates $\rightarrow$ vasodilators

❖ Opioids

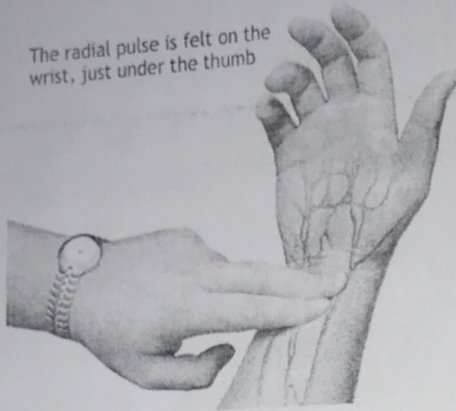
❖ Sedative-hypnotics

❖ Tricyclic

antidepressants (with
tachycardia)

Pulse

The radial pulse is felt on the wrist, just under the thumb



ADAM

الادوية التي ترفع

TACHYCARDIA ?

* اي دوا يعمل
direct/indirect
activation for the
sympathetic nervous
system

او يعمل
Blocking
for cholinergic
system

+ اي دوا يعمل
reflex tachycardia
مثل النترات

Amphetamines

Atropine

Antihistamines

Caffeine

Cyanide

Nitrates

ادوية ممكن تقل
BRADYCARDIA ?

- ❖ Beta blockers
- ❖ Calcium channel blockers
- ❖ Clonidine
- ❖ Digitalis
- ❖ Mushrooms
- ❖ Organophosphates
- ❖ Sedative hypnotics

* اي دوا ال cholinergic
agonist effect