# Carbon Monoxide / Cyanide

#### **History**

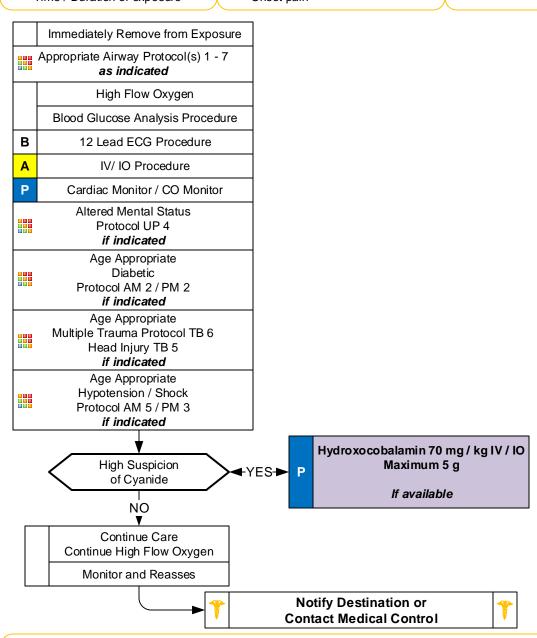
- Smoke inhalation
- Ingestion of cyanide
- Eating large quantity of fruit pits
- Industrial exposure
- Trauma
- Reason: Suicide, criminal, accidental
- Past Medical History
- Time / Duration of exposure

## Signs and Symptoms

- AMS
- Malaise, weakness, flu like illness
- Dyspnea
- GI Symptoms; N/V; cramping
- Dizziness
- Seizures
- Syncope
- Reddened skin
- Chest pain

#### Differential

- Diabetic related
- Infection
- MI
- Anaphylaxis
- Renal failure / dialysis problem
- Head injury / trauma
- Co-ingestant or exposures



## **Pearls**

- Recommended exam: Neuro, Skin, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Extremities
- Scene safety is priority.
- Consider CO and Cyanide with any product of combustion
- Normal environmental CO level does not exclude CO poisoning.
- Symptoms present with lower CO levels in pregnancy, children and the elderly.
- Continue high flow oxygen regardless of pulse ox readings.