

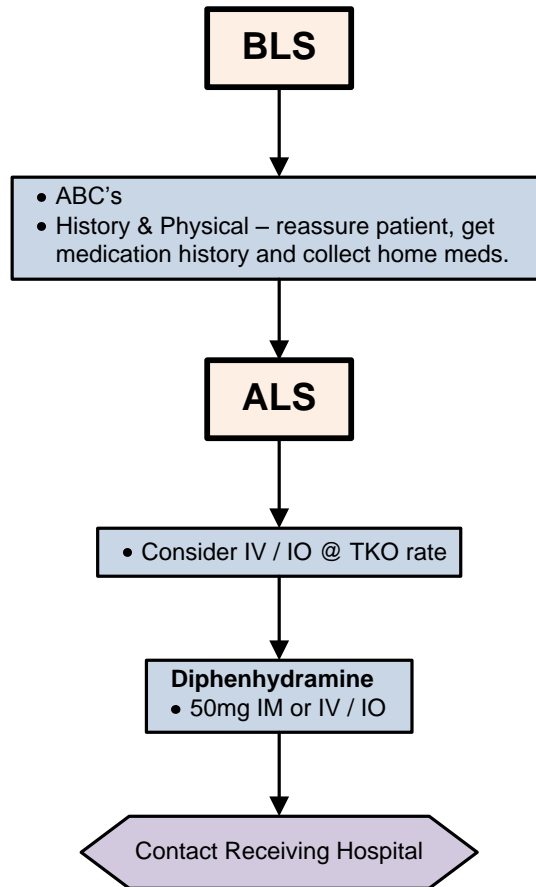


**SIERRA SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY  
TREATMENT PROTOCOL – MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

**MEDICAL  
REFERENCE NO. M-3**

**SUBJECT: PHENOTHIAZINE / DYSTONIC REACTION**

- Routine Medical Care
- Assessment:
  - History includes possible ingestion of phenothiazines
  - Symptoms often mistaken for a seizure disorder or tetany
- Signs and Symptoms
  - Facial Grimaces
  - Protruding tongue / Jaw muscle spasm
  - Oculogyric crisis (circular movement of the eyeballs)
  - Spasms of the back muscles, causing the head and legs to bend backward and the trunk to arch up
  - Anxiety / Restlessness
  - Torticollis (twisting of the neck)



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