



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

**MEDICAL  
REFERENCE NO. M-3**

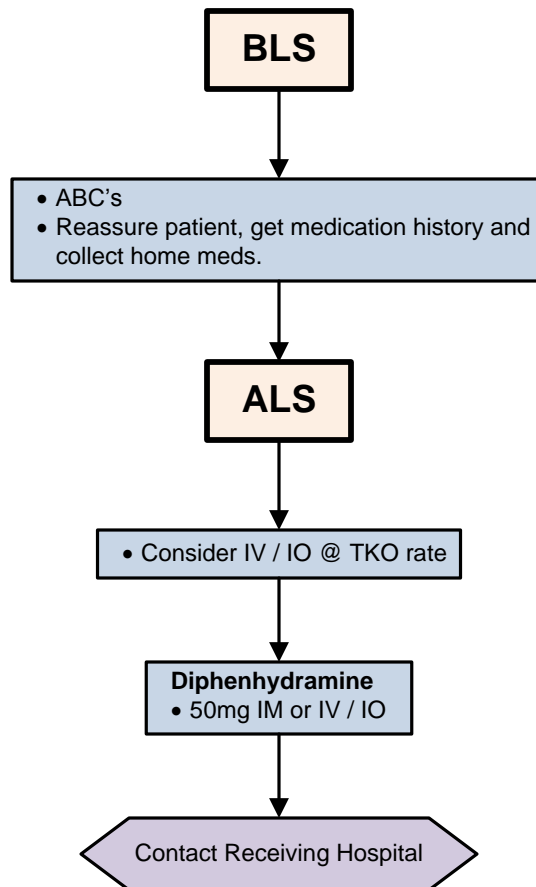
**SUBJECT: PHENOTHIAZINE / DYSTONIC REACTION**

• **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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