



Phenothiazine/Dystonic Reaction

Approval: Troy M. Falck, MD – Medical Director

Effective: 12/01/2021

Approval: Victoria Pinette – Executive Director

Next Review: 09/2024

• Assessment:

- History includes possible ingestion of phenothiazine
- Symptoms often mistaken for a seizure disorder or tetany

• Signs & 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)

