

# INGESTION/POISONING

## UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

### Contact with dry substance

- Brush off substance prior to flushing with large quantities of water
- Remove all contaminated clothing
- Decontaminate patient at scene

### Contact with liquid

- Remove all contaminated clothing
- Flush with large quantities of water
- Decontaminate patient at scene

- Reassure/calm patient
- Position of comfort
- Obtain vital signs
- Obtain medical history
- Gather medications or list

### Special Considerations

- Consider nerve agent, carbon monoxide, or organophosphate exposure if multiple victims
- Protect rescuers from poison agent due to contact with substance or secondary exposure from patient
- If eyes involved, flush for 15 minutes (use normal saline when available )