

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY:

Reserve nonspecific toxicology screens for suspected serious overdose. Otherwise select assay according to suspected drugs.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1) Quantitative Serum

acetaminophen	phenobarbital
ethanol	phenytoin
digoxin	salicylates
lithium	theophylline
carbamazepine	

2) Qualitative toxicology screens

<u>Serum</u>	<u>Urine</u>
barbiturates	amphetamines
benzodiazepines	barbiturates
ethanol	benzodiazepines
tricyclic antidepressants	cocaine
	methadone
	opiates
	PCP

3) Send all requests to the Central Chemistry Laboratory