Pediatric Overdose/Toxic Ingestion

**History**
- Ingestion or suspected ingestion of a potentially toxic substance
- Substance ingested, route and quantity
- Time of ingestion
- Reason (suicidal, accidental or criminal)
- Available medications in home
- Past medical history and medications

**Signs and Symptoms**
- Mental status changes
- Hypo or hypertension
- Decreased respiratory rate
- Tachycardia or dysrhythmias
- Seizures
- S.L.U.D.G.E.

**Differential**
- Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Aspirin
- Depressants
- Stimulants
- Anticholinergics
- Cardiac medications
- Solvents, alcohols or cleaning agents
- Insecticides (organophosphates)

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**Pearl**
- Do not rely on patient history of ingestion, especially in suicide attempts. Make sure the patient is still not carrying other medications or weapons. Bring bottles, contents, and emesis to ED.