

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## EE-11 EXPOSURE/INGESTION OF CAUSTIC SUBSTANCE OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

### ALS/ILS/BLS

1. Management:
  - 1.1 Initial Medical Care:
  - 1.2. Bring all containers to hospital with patient if possible.
  - 1.3. Identify:
    - 1.3.1. The product.
    - 1.3.2. Potential life threats.
    - 1.3.3. Route of exposure.
  - 1.4. Proceed with appropriate decontamination of patient if possible:
    - 1.4.1. Copiously rinse areas of exposure en-route.
  - 1.5. If ALKALI ingested:
    - 1.5.1. Give cool milk or tap water if available.
    - 1.5.2. Avoid giving large amounts of the fluids.
    - 1.5.3. Do not give if patient is having respiratory distress or abdominal pain.
  - 1.6. Do not attempt to neutralize an ALKALI exposure/ingestion with an acid or visa versa.
2. Note:
  - 2.1. ALKALI: bleach, drain cleaners, lye, dishwashing detergents, oven cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, disc batteries, clini-test tablets, ammonia, hair dye, jewelry cleaner and metal cleaner.
  - 2.2. ACID: metal cleaners, rust removers, battery acid, soldering fluxes, swimming pool cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners.