

CHARCOAL (ACTIVATED) [Actidose with Sorbitol]

ACTION:

- Single Dose Activated Charcoal adsorbs ingested toxins present in the gastrointestinal tract thus preventing systemic absorption.
- Particularly useful if administered early in the management of acute poisoning.

INDICATIONS:

- Cooperative, alert patients who report a toxic ingestion occurred within the last **one (1) hour**

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Active vomiting
- Decreased level of consciousness
- Suspected GI perforation or lack of GI motility (e.g. bowel obstruction)
- < 2 years of age
- Ingestion of or toxicity from the following agents:
 - Alcohols
 - Caustic and corrosive substances (e.g. household cleaners, acids & alkalis)
 - Metals (e.g. iron, lithium, magnesium, potassium, sodium salts)

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- Abdominal cramping and bloating
- Black stools
- Nausea and vomiting
- Constipation/diarrhea
- Pulmonary aspiration

ADULT DOSE/ROUTE:

- 50 G Activated Charcoal. Instruct patients to drink entire bottle.
- **Note:** Shake bottle vigorously before taking cap off.

PEDIATRIC DOSE/ROUTE:

- 1 G/kg mixed in water to form slurry.

NOTES:

- For toxicity involving other substances which are not contraindicated, or if unsure of indication, Poison Control may be contacted for guidance at **1-800-222-1222**.