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Damage Done By Overdosing on Tricyclic Antidepressants

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Summary:

Tricyclic antidepressants are among the most effective means to combat depression, but pose a

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Article Body:

Tricyclic antidepressants are used to treat depression, as the name indicates. There are some effective treatment for varying degrees of anxiety, but for the most part, doctors don't stray known to be useful in treating a variety of other conditions, apart from depression and anxiety considered alternative treatments for migraines and neuropathic pain. However, as useful as they are, to prescribe amounts of tricyclic antidepressants that might be considered too high. This is because high enough amounts, have been known to cause fatalities. According to statistics, nearly 2% of antidepressant medication died from an overdose of tricyclic antidepressants.

There are a number of signs that signify that someone has overdosed on the aforementioned medication. An overdose suddenly find that their bodies have become lethargic, with a heightened sense of agitation. The muscles are also adversely affected, with various areas of the body undergoing involuntary jerky movements. Low blood pressure and heart rate have also been associated with overdoses of these drugs, though these usually occur in the more advanced stages. Disturbances in the heart rhythm, some level, have been known to be common if the problem is not addressed early enough. It should be noted that some of these can be overdose signs of other drugs, though a simple blood test is often enough to identify the problem. The approach taken to dealing with anyone who has experienced an overdose on the above medication is taken with anyone who has overdosed or been poisoned. As such, the initial procedure is to stabilize the victim. In the case of an overdose of tricyclic antidepressants, this step usually involves the administration of intravenous liquids to rectify that problem. Breathing could be a problem at any stage of poisoning, and it is difficult to start and stabilize if the overdose has caused the victim to enter into a comatose state. Anticholinergics are relaxants in treating overdoses, particularly if the body is convulsing or experiencing spasms. Activated charcoal is sometimes be used to prevent the effects of the medication from reaching the heart, though the effectiveness is limited to counter the other effects.

Most people should realize that in the event of an overdose, people may not appear ill at first.

rapidly appear and will quickly become life-threatening if not subjected to proper treatment o
cases of overdose of tricyclics are considered to be intentional. Alcohol has been known to in
the side effects of the medication, and should not be taken with such. Some patients have also
connection with an overdose. As such, once the physical treatment has been completed, most do
undergo some sort of psychiatric evaluation as soon as they are physically able to.

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