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Ah S%#T!! Deadly Overdoses That Die Enroute

So everyone has responded to an overdose - but some should strike fear into the heart of the medic or EMT. Why? Because the patient will be dead before they ever get to a hospital. This presentation will consider some of the more common and less common overdoses that medics and EMTs need to identify AND initiate treatment before arrival at hospital - this is not a little charcoal we are talking about - this is lifesaving toxicology response - save a life and save the paperwork!

Dr. Syrett has become well known for his "original" presentation style at Pulse Check Conferences. In his position as Director of Prehospital Care for the Rochester General Health System, he often responds to calls, sometimes as the primary responder for 911 calls in his region. Having been a paramedic, ALS chief, Director of Operations and Flight Medic, he brings his unique and original presentation style to his lectures and has become a nationally recognized EMS speaker.

After attending this presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Develop awareness of the commonly occurring deadly overdoses
2. Use toxidromes and clinical clues to define an overdose picture and response.
3. Understand dangers of newer hallucinogenics and recreational drugs.
4. Recognize overdose management that can turn a safe situation into a dangerous one.

Outline:

1. Two types of overdose calls:
 - a. Calls you wish you never took
 - b. Calls other people took that you're glad you didn't
2. General and specific overdose recognition techniques
3. Toxidromes
 - a. General
 - b. Deadly
4. Medical management of overdoses
5. Cases