Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Treatment

Self-Care at Home

- Move all family members and pets to fresh air away from the source of carbon monoxide (CO).
- No home therapy is available for carbon monoxide poisoning.
- You must seek medical care in a hospital emergency department.

Medical Treatment

- The treatment for carbon monoxide poisoning is high–dose oxygen, usually using a facemask attached to an oxygen reserve bag.
- Carbon monoxide levels in the blood may be periodically checked until they are low enough to safely send you home.
- In severe poisoning, if available, a hyperbaric pressure chamber may be used to give even higher doses of oxygen.
- It is important to find the source of the carbon monoxide. Your local fire department or public service company will help find the source of carbon monoxide and make sure the building is safe.

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