

Management of Patients with Psychostimulant Toxicity: Guidelines for Emergency Departments



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This resource provides guidelines to emergency departments for effectively and safely managing individuals who are experiencing problems related to the use of psychostimulants.

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Summary: This resource provides guidelines for Emergency Department workers throughout Australia. The guidelines aim to provide information to assist in the management and treatment of individuals who may be affected by **psychostimulants**, including **methamphetamines**, such as crystal methamphetamine ('ice').

The guidelines are designed to help Emergency Departments to:

- Identify psychostimulant toxicity in patients
- Use a standardised sedation protocol to respond quickly and safely to psychostimulant toxicity
- Recognise and manage medical complications.

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