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Acute tricyclic antidepressant poisoning

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Source

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Acute tricyclic antidepressant (TCA) poisoning is a potentially lethal intoxication that is characterized by life-threatening arrhythmias (sinus tachycardias, premature ventricular contractions, ventricular arrhythmias), anticholinergic toxidrome (mydriasis, dry mucous membrane, tachycardia, hypertension), central nervous system toxicity (lethargy, coma, myoclonic jerks), refractory hypotension, and sudden death.