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# Acute opioid poisoning

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Acute opioid poisoning is a rare intoxication with opioids, a large group of alkaloid analgesics, mainly characterized by miosis (pinpoint pupil), respiratory depression (bradypnea/apnea) and central nervous system depression (sedation or coma). Other manifestations include hypotension, reduced bowel motility, hypothermia and hypoglycemia. Naloxone, a competitive inhibitor of the mu-opioid receptor, is a potent antagonist and is used as the antidote for opioid intoxication.