



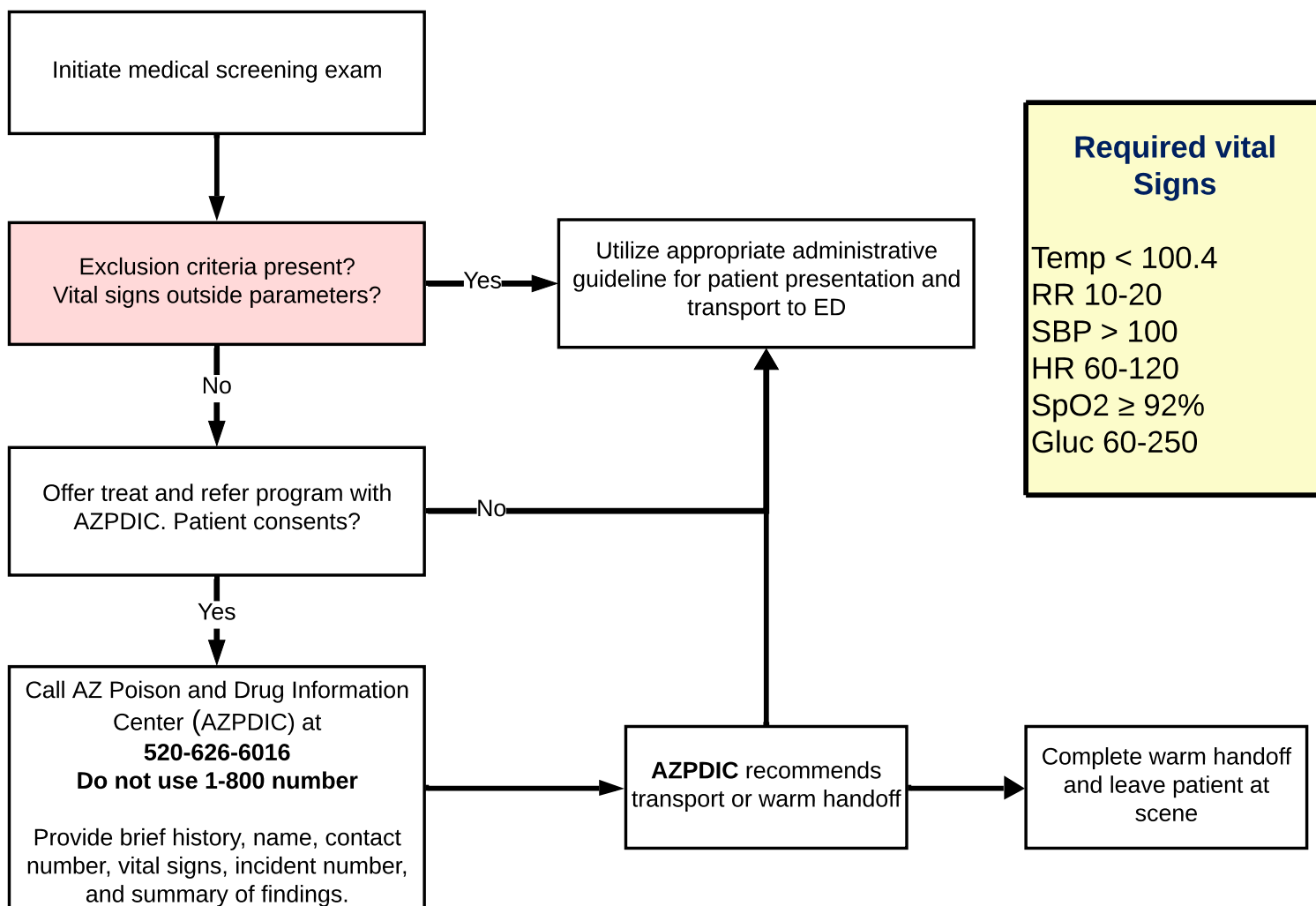
## Included Conditions

Any ingestion of, exposure to, or possible exposure to a hazardous material or drug.

Examples: inhalation of offgass from a nitric acid spill, exposure to an unknown liquid, taking an extra dose of a medication, ingestion of household chemicals

## Exclusion Criteria

- Any vital sign outside of range
- Suicide attempt (i.e. any ingestion, self-harm)
- Trauma or suspected trauma
- Combative or violent behavior (i.e., behavior that poses a danger to self or others that cannot be verbally de-escalated, requiring physical restraints and/or chemical sedation)
- Patient does NOT have a working telephone
- The patient is an unaccompanied minor
- Need for IV or medication administration by EMS



**\*\*\* IMPORTANT: \*\*\***

**All patients have the right to request evaluation and transportation to an emergency department.**



## Education/Pearls

This protocol guides the involvement of AZ Poison and Drug Information Center (AZPDIC) in community HAZMAT events in which there has been an active or suspected toxicological exposure or on EMS calls in which a patient was exposed to a hazardous material or chemical. Exposed patients who have minimal or moderate symptoms and - in consultation with the AZPDIC - are deemed to be at low risk of developing serious illness may, with the approval of the EMS medical director or designee, be released to AZPDIC follow up without transport to the hospital.

## Asymptomatic Patients

Patients who were exposed and are asymptomatic, or those who are concerned that they may have been exposed, may elect to be followed by the AZPDIC as part of an exposed cohort.

Responding personnel may also be added as “patients” to the cohort to help with occupational monitoring if their employer does not have an established employee monitoring program.

These non-transported patients will be formally “handed off” to the AZPDIC for follow-up as follows:

- The on scene EMT or Paramedic will set up a three-way patch with AZPDIC Toxicologist and the on-duty EMS Physician for approval.
- The EMT or Paramedic will provide, at a minimum, the patients name(s), and contact phone number(s) to the AZPDIC.

If any of the following conditions are met, the Hazmat “Research Section” will contact AZPDIC at 520-626-6016:

- Confirmed human exposures, injuries, or fatalities
- Concern that humans have been exposed
- Civilians are being decontaminated
- Responders who are not part of the HAZMAT team are being decontaminated
- Patients are being transported to the hospital
- HAZMAT-specific Administrative Guidelines are in use
- Medications from the “Tox Box” are being used
- The “Chem Pack” is being used
- Do not use any 1-800 number to contact AZPDIC for this T&R program.

**If instructions given by AZPDIC recommend treatment and transport, please call BUMC-TC for further direction to initiate a 3-way patch.**