

Altered Mental Status

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lethargy ▪ Coma 	
<p>Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A potentially life-threatening condition • Caused by sudden cessation of alcohol consumption by an individual who is used to consuming excessive amounts of alcohol • Signs and symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noticeable tremors – sweating ▪ Possible seizures – tachycardia ▪ Nausea and vomiting 	
<p>Acute Poisoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic alcohol abuse patients may seek other forms of alcohol, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Methanol (wood grain alcohol) ▪ Isopropyl (rubbing alcohol) ▪ Ethylene glycol (antifreeze) • Drugs used to treat alcohol abuse withdrawal can be drugs of overdose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lorazepam (Ativan) ▪ Diazepam (Valium) ▪ Clorazepate (Tranxene) 	
<p>Seizure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seizures can be induced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hypoglycemia ▪ Drug overdoses ▪ Hypoxia 	

