

## Nerve Agent Exposure

Nerve agents are the most toxic of the known chemical agents. These agents are organophosphate compounds. Nerve agents can cause death within minutes of exposure.

Medical management of nerve agent exposure consists of:

- Addressing the ABCs (Airway, Breathing, Circulation)
- Remove patient from source of exposure
- Decontamination
- Administration of Atropine, 2 PAM and Diazepam
- Supportive patient care



**R E M E M B E R**  
**Rescuer Safety (PPE)**  
**Scene Safety (Safe Zone)**

### KNOW THE SIGNS

**S Salivation (excessive)**

**L Lacrimation (excessive eye tearing)**

**U Urination (uncontrollable)**

**D Diarrhea**

**G Gastrointestinal Upset**

**E Emesis**

**M Miosis / Muscle Spasm (pinpoint pupils/seizures)**

**R Respiratory Distress**

**A Agitation (restlessness/anxiety)**

