

## **UNIVERSAL ANTIDOTE FOR POISONS**

Activated powdered charcoal	2 parts by weight
Magnesium oxide	1 part by weight
Tannic acid	1 part by weight

The mixture should be stored dry and when required for use, add 15g to half a glass of warm water

### **Cyanide Antidotes**

For inhaled cyanides the patient should be allowed to inhale amyl nitrate for 15-30 seconds every 2-3 minutes for a maximum of 15 minutes

For ingested cyanides, if the patient is conscious allow him to drink the following:

Solution A	158g of ferrous sulphate plus 3g of citric acid made up to 1 litre in cold distilled water
Solution B	60g of anhydrous sodium carbonate made up to 1 litre in cold distilled water

The solutions are stored separately and equal volumes are mixed when required for use

For intravenous injection by medical aid, ampoules of 20ml, each containing 300mg of Cobalt EDTA (trade name Kelocyanor) should be available