



Phenothiazine/Dystonic Reaction

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• Assessment:

- History includes possible ingestion of phenothiazine
- Symptoms often mistaken for a seizure disorder or tetany

• Signs & Symptoms:

- Facial grimaces
- Protruding tongue/jaw muscle spasm
- Oculogyric crisis (circular movement of the eyeballs)
- Spasms of the back muscles, causing the head and legs to bend backward and the trunk to arch up
- Anxiety/restlessness
- Torticollis (twisting of the neck)

