

SAQ 8 Answers

- a) Dose > 300mg/kg
Tachypnoea

- b) ABG
Salicylate level
BSL

- c) Avoid acidosis – give Sodium Bicarbonate prior to intubation
Hyperventilate once intubated
Avoid long acting muscle relaxants to monitor for seizure activity

- D) Unable to maintain urinary alkalinisation
Serum salicylate levels increasing (> 4.4 mmol/L) despite optimal medical treatment
Altered mental status, acidaemia, renal failure
Very high salicylate levels - Acute > 7.2mmol/L, Chronic > 4.4mmol/L