




## Clinical Scenarios

**A 20-year-old woman presents 3 hours after ingesting two packets of paracetamol tablets following an argument with her family.**

There were twenty 500mg tablets in each packet. She says that she doesn't care what happens to her. She feels sick but she has not vomited. She has a past history of depression. She says she takes tablets for this but is not sure of their names. She says she drank 6 units of alcohol just before the overdose.

-  What treatment would you give?
-  When would you start this treatment?
-  What impact would her depression have on the management plan?



To find the answers to these and other important questions, have a look at this [BMJ Best Practice treatment algorithm](#) and add depression as a comorbidity.

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