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I am a school nurse that works with 7 schools. One day at one of my secondary schools, the counselor and assistant principal came and asked me to join a meeting with a student. When I arrived, I heard this student talking about having taken a handful of Tylenol. I quickly asked a few questions. I assess that she was currently not exhibiting any signs that I was immediately concerned with and I excused myself to call poison control. After speaking to poison control and getting a bit more information we reached out to her mother and I was able to let her know the urgency of getting her to the hospital. Working in conjunction with the parent and poison control, the hospital was notified of her imminent arrival and exactly what labs needed to be drawn to determine how much tylenol was ingested. The time frame of administering the antidote is limited, so I encouraged the parent to take her immediately to the hospital. If her parent had been unavailable, we would have needed to call 911. When the team was processing after the student was on her way to the hospital, they (assistant principal and two counselors) expressed how glad they were that I was there. They told me they had no idea how serious a tylenol overdose was and probably would not have encouraged the parent to take her to the hospital. That day I was in the right school at the right time. What if I hadn't been?

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