

Quiz Page — Poisonings: An Update for the Pharmacist

1. **How many deaths are attributed to poisoning each year?**
 - a. 2 million
 - b. 100
 - c. approximately 20,000
 - d. it is impossible to estimate, but is a very rare occurrence
2. **In the evaluation of a poisoning, which of the following are important to know?**
 - a. name & amount of product ingested
 - b. amount of the substance ingested
 - c. height and weight of the patient as well as color of eyes & hair
 - d. a & b
3. **Which of the following are relative contraindications to the use of emetics?**
 - a. petroleum distillates
 - b. all drugs
 - c. certain foods, particularly those high in vitamin C
 - d. all of the above
4. **Ipecac**
 - a. is used in the fluid extract form to treat potential poisonings
 - b. should be used primarily to induce vomiting after the ingesting of acids
 - c. may be purchased OTC in a one ounce quantity
 - d. is the same as apomorphine
5. **Ipecac**
 - a. is administered orally in a 15 milliliter dose
 - b. acts in less than 3 minutes
 - c. must be administered intramuscularly
 - d. should be used with activated charcoal
6. **Apomorphine**
 - a. has a rapid onset of action
 - b. is the same as naloxone
 - c. never produces respiratory depression
 - d. should be kept in the home for emergencies
7. **Apomorphine**
 - a. should be administered orally for best results
 - b. is used in an adult dose of 6 milligrams
 - c. is used in a dose of 1 milligram/pound in infants
 - d. b & c
8. **Which of the following are general contraindications for gastric lavage?**
 - a. convulsions
 - b. lack of gag reflex
 - c. coma
 - d. all of the above
9. **The universal antidote**
 - a. should be used in most poisonings
 - b. must be used in combination with ipecac fluid extract
 - c. is not beneficial & should not be used
 - d. is composed of charcoal, tannic acid & vitamin B complex
10. **The typical dose of activated charcoal for adults is**
 - a. 4 to 6 grams
 - b. 40 to 60 grams
 - c. 400 to 600 grams
 - d. 1 gram in ipecac
11. **To enhance the excretion of a toxic substance**
 - a. administer phenobarbital to adjust the pH of the urine
 - b. forced diuresis can be used
 - c. the pH of the urine can be adjusted
 - d. b & c
12. **Which of the following is used in iron poisoning?**
 - a. vitamin K
 - b. ethanol
 - c. deferoxamine
 - d. calcium disodium edetate
13. **Which of the following should be used in instances where the eye is exposed to caustic chemicals?**
 - a. lukewarm water
 - b. baking soda
 - c. sodium hydroxide
 - d. saline solutions
14. **Which of the following is used in treating acetaminophen poisoning?**
 - a. naloxone
 - b. BAL
 - c. N-acetylcysteine
 - d. any of the above will be used, particularly in combination with activated charcoal
15. **Activated charcoal**
 - a. is inert and does not exert any pharmacological effects
 - b. is a very good absorbant when administered orally or by gastric lavage
 - c. should be administered in a slurry form with ipecac as a base
 - d. a & b
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 - b. some
 - c. very little
 - d. none
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 - b. longer
 - c. less
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 - c. pharmacy organization/academia
 - d. manufacturing, distribution, other
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