

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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