

ACMT Presents Environmental and Health Consequences of Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories

The American College of Medical Toxicology will present ‘Environmental and Health Consequences of Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories’ in Albuquerque, New Mexico on August 21, 2014. The course will provide training to law enforcement, healthcare providers and public health professionals on hazards and health effects related to methamphetamine use and exposure to chemicals present in clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.

Phoenix, Arizona ([PRWEB](#)) July 29, 2014 -- The American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) will present an [educational course](#) titled ‘Environmental and Health Consequences of Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories’ on August 21, 2014 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The course, which is partially sponsored by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Indian Health Services, will provide training to law enforcement, emergency physicians and prehospital care providers, public and environmental health professionals, HAZMAT professionals and others who work with medical and policy issues related to clandestine [methamphetamine](#) laboratories.

The course focuses largely on the clinical effects and chemical hazards associated with methamphetamine production and abuse as well as the clean-up and remediation of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. The methods and principles behind methamphetamine production will be reviewed. Participants will be able to identify environmental hazards, choose appropriate personal protection equipment to minimize personal risk of toxicity, and explore the various modalities available to treat exposed victims, including children. Course participants will have interactive instruction in preparing for, responding to, and mitigating chemical toxicity associated with clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.

Course faculty includes experts in the field of medical [toxicology](#) who have extensive experience directly caring for patients suffering from the adverse effects of chemical agents and poisons. According to Kurt Kleinschmidt, MD, a medical [toxicologist](#) with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and the course director, “This course has something for all types of providers. Importantly, the group discussions enable the participants to better understand everyone’s unique perspective.” ACMT first developed the Environmental and Health Consequences of Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories course 9 years ago under a contract with the ATSDR. ACMT has provided single-day training in methamphetamine laboratory awareness 21 times to more than 1400 participants in the United States and its territories. Organizations may contact ACMT for information on presenting this course to their members.

ACMT is a professional, non-profit association of physicians with recognized expertise in medical toxicology. The College is dedicated to advancing the science and practice of medical toxicology through a variety of activities.