

ACMT Seminar in Forensic Toxicology to Focus on Marijuana and Alcohol

The American College of Medical Toxicology will present A Legal “PotPourri” as part of its Seminars in Forensic Toxicology series. This course, which explores medical and public health issues surrounding marijuana, alcohol and prescription medication use and abuse, will be offered on December 9-10, 2015 in Denver, Colorado.

Phoenix, Arizona ([PRWEB](#)) May 19, 2015 -- The American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) will offer a course entitled [A Legal “PotPourri”](#) on December 9-10, 2015 in Denver, Colorado. This course is part of ACMT’s educational series ‘Seminars in Forensic Toxicology’ and will take place at the Marriott City Center. The conference will consist of two parts, with single day registration available. Day 1 will focus on a spectrum of medicolegal concepts related to medicinal and recreational use of cannabis. As more states legalize marijuana, new and complicated issues related to increased use and availability arise. The conference will address public health issues such as childhood exposures, as well as describe the legal framework for civil tort and criminal cases involving impairment. Related topics such as [marijuana alternatives](#) and interpretation of post-mortem laboratory values will also be discussed.

Day 2 explores the intricacies involved in interpreting clinical and laboratory information relating to ethanol. The conference will emphasize practical issues faced by [toxicology](#) consultants, such as dram shop laws, postmortem toxicokinetics, and presenting the concepts underlying ethanol tolerance to the lay public. An expert panel will also lead participants in an evaluation of fatalities attributed to prescription medication. Collaborative sessions will focus on providing expert testimony and developing sound expert reports. According to Charles McKay, MD, Vice President of ACMT, “This course promises to be another great opportunity to evaluate the science and communication skills so important to our forensic toxicology practices. In particular, the chance to discuss marijuana issues with medical, forensic, and research toxicology experts is very timely.”

The course will be of value and interest to medical and forensic professionals who provide consultation to patients, clinicians, attorneys, and others needing expert advice. This Seminar in Forensic Toxicology will use a variety of formats, including case based didactics, breakout groups, and panel discussions, to maximize learning and engagement. ACMT has had great success in developing programs for medical, clinical, analytical, and other forensic [toxicologists](#). A Legal “PotPourri” will be ACMT’s sixth Seminar in Forensic Toxicology. Lewis Nelson, MD, co-organizer of the conference reports “Collaboration with like-minded professionals benefits everyone by providing different perspectives on overlap issues. These cutting edge topics are particularly relevant given the complexity of applying clinical science in a legal context.”

About The American College of Medical Toxicology

ACMT is a professional, non-profit association of physicians with recognized expertise in medical toxicology. The ACMT mission is to advance quality care of poisoned patients and public health through physicians who specialize in consultative, emergency, environmental, forensic, and occupational toxicology. For more information, visit <http://www.acmt.net>, or follow on Twitter @acmt.



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