

## **ACMT to Participate in Agents of Opportunity Course in India**

*The American College of Medical Toxicology will present 'Chemical Agents of Opportunity' in two major cities in India September 5-10, 2016 in collaboration with experts in radiation emergencies and bomb/blast injuries. The ACMT program will provide training to emergency personnel and planners regarding both common and unusual chemical industrial agents which may pose a threat.*

Phoenix, Arizona ([PRWEB](#)) September 05, 2016 -- The American College of Medical [Toxicology](#) (ACMT) is participating in the delivery of a training program in Delhi and Mumbai, India titled "Building Global Capacity to Recognize and Mitigate 'Agents of Opportunity' for Chemical and Radiological Emergencies", September 5-10, 2016. This activity is in collaboration with the Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site (REAC/TS), and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The course is organized by the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with CDC and will be hosted at the All India Institute for Medical Sciences and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. This 2.5-day course is designed to familiarize healthcare providers and those who might have a role in planning and preparing for an emergency response to chemical, radiological or bomb-related emergencies. The course will review the medical assessment and management of chemical, radiological and blast injuries.

Eight course modules of the ACMT component will cover important [chemical hazards](#) including industrial gases and neurotoxins. In addition, delayed-onset toxicants and the psychological sequelae of mass exposures will be discussed. Potential delivery mechanisms of chemical agents, such as through the food and water supplies, and post-event monitoring will be addressed. Overall, presentations by more than a dozen Indian and U.S. experts (from ACMT, CDC and REAC/TS) will provide participants with 2 ½ days of interactive instruction and practice in preparing for, responding to and mitigating chemical, radiological, and explosive disasters. According to Chuck McKay, MD, a medical [toxicologist](#) with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and a member of the course faculty, "This course is an opportunity for individuals from a variety of backgrounds to bring their expertise to bear on complex problems. The interdisciplinary interactions are very rewarding." More than 200 participants are expected to attend; with backgrounds in Toxicology, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Public Health and Community Medicine, Disaster Medicine, Nursing and Pre-Hospital Care.

ACMT first developed a Chemical Agents of Opportunity course 13 years ago under a contract with the CDC's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR). ACMT has provided single-day training in chemical awareness and combined 2-day chemical and radiation awareness training with REAC/TS more than 90 times to more than 10,000 participants in the United States, its territories, and Canada. Organizations may contact ACMT for information on presenting this course to their members.

### 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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