

The American College of Medical Toxicology Asks the Public to ‘Ask a Toxicologist’

The American College of Medical Toxicology launches ‘Ask A Toxicologist’ on its website. This is a public forum for dissemination of rational, evidence-based answers to questions related to human poisoning.

Phoenix, Arizona ([PRWEB](#)) April 30, 2013 -- There is increasing public concern regarding exposure to the innumerable potential [poisons](#) and toxic substances that exist and the risk for the adverse health effects they may pose. Media sources often provide conflicting or incorrect information regarding the adverse health effects of toxins, and this leads to uncertainty and unnecessary fear. The Internet, often the first source of information for answer-seekers everywhere, is a field strewn with misinformation and falsehood. In order to provide a reliable source for information regarding human health effects of environmental and natural toxins, medications, illicit drugs, and other potential causes of human poisoning, The American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) has created a venue on its website called “[Ask A Toxicologist](#)”, where people can submit their questions related to human poisoning and receive answers in clear language from physician experts in medical toxicology.

ACMT is a leader in the education of health practitioners regarding issues related to human poisoning. The “Ask A Toxicologist” program is part of a growing effort by the College to improve public awareness and education regarding the toxicity of medication interactions, occupational chemicals, new drugs of abuse, venoms and plant toxins. The goal of the program is to provide rational, evidence-based answers to common medical [toxicology](#) questions – clearly and concisely. Members of the public are encouraged to submit questions through the ACMT website for review by a panel of experts in human poisoning, who will post a consensus opinion written by one expert in the field. There is no charge for this service. Questions relating to an individual’s health concerns cannot be answered, as the program cannot create or replace a doctor-patient relationship. Questions and answers should be of a general nature, and of interest to a wide population. Not all questions will be able to be addressed.

ACMT is a professional, nonprofit 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.