

# MUSHROOM POISONING

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# Epidemiology

- There are no easily recognizable difference between nonpoisonous and poisonous mushrooms.
- Mushroom toxins are not heat labile
- Are not destroyed or deactivated by cooking, canning, drying, or other means of food preparation
- Mushroom ingestion + any kind of symptoms= admission

# Early-onset GI symptoms

- Most wild mushroom ingestion cause mild GI symptoms
  - *Chlorophyllum molybdites*, *Omphalotus*, *Boletus*, *Entoloma*, *Gomphus*, *Hebeloma*, *Lactarius*, *verpa*
- *C. molybdites* can cause sever GI symptoms
- Acute onset of vomiting and diarrhea, intestinal cramping, chills, headaches, and myalgia
- Usually resolve within 24 hours

*Chlorophyllum molybdites*



*Omphalotus*



*Boletus*



# *Entoloma*

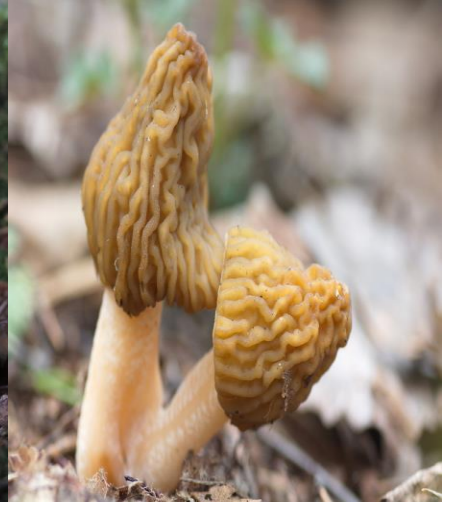


*Gomphus*

*Hebeloma*

*Lactarius*

*verpa*



# Treatment:

- Activated charcoal 0.5-1 gram/Kg
- Supportive care
- Antiemetics (DO NOT give antidiarrhea agents)
- No need for prophylactic decontamination in asymptomatic patients

# Take care!!!

- Some cases of *Amanita simithiana* ingestion present with early GI symptoms and can progress to renal failure within 3 to 5 days
- Do not discharge until symptoms resolution and PO tolerance
- Recommend outpatient follow up within 5 days
- Provide return precautions ( urinary changes, back or flank pain).



*Amanita simithiana*



# Early-onset neurologic symptoms

- Several classes of mushrooms can cause neurologic symptoms
- **MAGIC MUSHROOM!!! (psilocybin)**
- Acts like LSD
  
- Mushrooms with Isoxazole derivatives ( ibotenic acid, muscimol)
- *Amanita muscaria*, *Amanita pantherine*

# Psilocybin



*Amanita muscaria* & *Amanita pantherine*



# Clinical features

- Psilocibine containing mushrooms:
- Euphoria, heightened imagination, loss of the sense of time, visual distortions, and hallucinations
- Tachycardia or hypertension due to phenylethylamine
- Fever and seizure are rare

- Isoxazole containing mushrooms:
- Muscarinic poisoning symptoms appear first
  - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, vasodilation, diaphoresis, salivation
- Anticholinergic (atropine-like) symptoms comes next
  - Mydriasis, xerostomia, elevated temperature, increased BP, drowsiness, amnesia, dizziness, photosensitivity, euphoria, motor hypersensitivity, ataxia, muscle jerking, hallucination, and delirium.
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# Treatment:

- Supportive care
- **Benzodiazepines** if sedation needed
- **DO NOT give anticholinergic agents**
- Seizures should be treated with benzodiazepines
- Activated charcoal
  
- Use physostigmine **ONLY** for patients with **SEVERE** anticholinergic symptoms ( 1-2 mg IV).

# Early-onset muscarinic symptoms

- *Inocybe, Clitocybe* genera
- Muscarine is a parasympathomimetic agent.
- Muscarine is not graded by cholinesterase.



# Clitocyb & Inocyb



# Clinical features

- SLUDGE syndrome
- S : salivation
- L : lacrimation
- U: urination
- D: defecation
- G: GI hypermobility
- E: emesis

# Treatment:

- Atropine (0.5-1 mg IV, dose can be repeated if necessary)
- Supportive care ( antiemetics, IV fluids, Oxygen and inhaled B-agonists for patients with increased pulmonary secretions)

# Delayed-onset GI symptoms

- *Gyromitra* genera and *Amanita* genera:
  - *Gyromitra esculenta*
  - *Amanita phalloides*
  - *Amanita bisporigera*
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- *Amanita* genus are responsible for 95% of mushroom related deaths

Gyromitra:



# *Amanita phalloides*



*Amanita bisporigera*



# Pathophysiology

- Gyromitrin (N-methyl-N-formylhydrazine): is volatile and heat-labile!
- After hydrolyzation binds to pyridoxine and interfere with enzymes
- Convert to a free radical in liver, cause local hepatic necrosis
  
- Phallotoxin and amatoxin:
- Phallotoxin alters enterocyte cellular membrane. It is limited to GI tract
- Amatoxin cause prolonged toxic effects. Cause free radical formation
- Damage cells with rapid protein synthesis and turnover: GI, liver, kidney



- Gyromitrin cause hepatocellular damage and interstitial nephritis
- Amatoxin cause fatty degeneration of liver, with intracellular collection of lipids and extensive hepatic necrosis.

# Clinical features:

- **Gyromitrin:**
  - Intense GI signs and symptoms
  - Hypovolemia
  - Hepatic failure
  - Hypoglycemia
  - Neurologic symptoms (dizziness, headache, seizure, incoordination, and muscle cramps)

# Clinical features:

- Amatoxin:
- Gastroenteritis
- Hypovolemia and electrolyte disturbance
- 4 stages toxicity

# 4-stages toxicity:

- Stage 1: asymptomatic for first 24 hour
- Stage 2: GI symptoms: intense cramping abdominal pain, Nausea, Vomiting, diarrhea, RUQ pain.
  - **Liver function tests are normal**
- Stage 3: convalescent stage: symptoms subsides, **liver enzymes rise.**
- Stage 4: hepatic failure ( dramatic hepatic enzymes rise, hyperbilirubinemia, coagulopathy, hypoglycemia, acidosis, hepatic encephalopathy, and hepatorenal syndrome)
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# Diagnosis:

- Gyromitrin toxicity diagnosis is clinical
- Amatoxin toxicity diagnosis is clinical but Meixner colorimetric test can show amatoxin presence.

# Treatment:

- Activated charcoal
- Monitoring for hypoglycemia
- Treatment of hepatic failure
- Treatment of renal failure
- Treatment of coagulopathy
- liver transplantation

# Gyromitrin specific treatment:

- Treat neurologic symptoms with high-dose pyridoxine (25mg/kg IV)
- No specific treatment for hepatic damage

# Amatoxin specific treatment

- Multidose activated charcoal
- Silybum marianum (5mg/kg loading over 1 hour, followed by 20mg/kg/day for 6 days)
- N-acetylcysteine (150 mg/kg over 1 hour, then 50 mg/kg over 4 hours, Then 100 mg/kg over 16 hours)
- High-dose penicillin G and ceftazidime



# Delayed-onset renal failure

- *Cortinarius* genera ( *C. orellanus*, *C. speciosissimus*, *C. gentilis*)
  - Orellanine and ortinarin
  
- *A. smithiana*
  - Allenic norleucin & chlorocrotylglycine

*C. Orellanus*



*C. speciosissimus*



*C. gentilis*



# Clinical features

- GI symptoms heralds the toxicity
- Paresthesia
- Abnormal taste
- Cognitive dysfunction
- Flank or lumbar pain
- Oliguria (or polyuria in some cases)

# Treatment

- No specific treatment
- Hemodialysis in:
  1. refractory hyperkalemia,
  2. refractory acidosis,
  3. uremic symptoms,
  4. sever renal dysfunction
- Renal transplant if spontaneous resolution does not accure in several months

Questions???

Thank you!!! 😊