

- Shock
- Death (may occur)

4. 2 to 5 days

- Jaundice
- Liver failure
- Hypoglycemia
- Coma

5. 2 to 5 weeks

- Pyloric stenosis or duodenal obstruction may occur secondary to scarring.

### Comments

Factors related to frequency of iron poisoning include:

- Widespread availability
- Packaging of large quantities in individual containers
- Lack of parental awareness of iron toxicity
- Resemblance of iron tablets to candy (e.g., M&Ms)

Toxic dose is based on the amount of elemental iron ingested.

Common preparations include ferrous sulfate (20% elemental iron), ferrous gluconate (12%), and ferrous fumarate (33%).