

Inducing emesis is generally contraindicated.

Gastric decontamination and emptying are questionable even when the hydrocarbon contains a heavy metal or pesticide; if gastric lavage must be performed, a cuffed endotracheal tube should be in place before lavage because of a high risk of aspiration.

Symptomatic treatment of chemical pneumonia includes high humidity, oxygen, hydration, and acetaminophen.

## Acetaminophen

### Clinical Manifestations

Occurs in four stages post ingestion:

1. 0 to 24 hours

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Sweating
- Pallor

2. 24 to 72 hours

- Patient improves
- May have right upper quadrant abdominal pain

3. 72 to 96 hours

- Pain in right upper quadrant
- Jaundice