

- Vomiting
- Confusion
- Stupor
- Coagulation abnormalities
- Sometimes renal failure, pancreatitis

4. More than 5 days

- Resolution of hepatotoxicity or progress to multiple organ failure
- May be fatal

## Comments

This is the most common accidental drug poisoning in children.

Toxicity occurs from acute ingestion. Toxic dose is 150 mg/kg or greater in children.

## Treatment

Antidote *N*-acetylcysteine (Mucomyst) is equally effective given intravenously or orally. When given orally may first be diluted in fruit juice or soda because of the antidote's offensive odor. An antiemetic may be given if vomiting occurs.

Given as 1 loading dose followed by 17 additional doses in different dosages. IV administration is given as a continuous infusion.

## Aspirin (Acetylsalicylic Acid)

### Clinical Manifestations