Occupational Health I. T





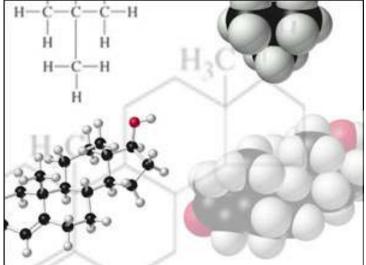






Dioxin poisoning, Viktor Yushchenko





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Occupational health and safety in Hungary

- occupational medical service: **basic**
- centre of occupational medicine
- secondary level: occupational health consultations
- Hungarian Institute of Occupational Health

<u>SUPERVISION</u>: Hungarian Labour Inspectorate

National Public Health and Medical Officer Service: gives <u>license to</u> the occupational medical sevices and <u>supervises</u> <u>the presence of minimum requirements</u>.

<u>Workload</u>:

any effect that at least temporarily **disturbs that balance of the internal milieu**, thus changing the homeostasis of the body. (originates for work capacity, accident risk...)

Strain:

the sum of reactions to workload.

(increased heart rates, core body temperature...)

In some jobs, the danger is obvious



International Hazard Datasheets on Occupations

In others, the danger may not be quite so obvious



International Hazard Datasheets on Occupations

Occupational disease: a disease contracted as a result of an exposure to risk factors **arising from work activity**.

Occupational accident: an occurrence arising out of, or in the course of work which results in:

- fatal occupational injury; or
- non-fatal occupational injury.

Occupational injury: death, any personal injury or disease resulting from an occupational accident.

Source: ILO - Fundamentals principles of occupational health & safety. Available at: http://www.ilo.org.

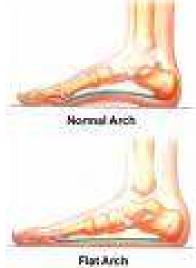
| Work-related diseases | Occupational diseases |
|--|--|
| Occur largely in the community | Occur mainly among working population |
| 'Multifactorial' in origin | Cause is specific |
| Exposure to workplace may be a factor | Exposure to workplace is essential |
| May be notifiable and compensatable | Notifiable and compensatable |



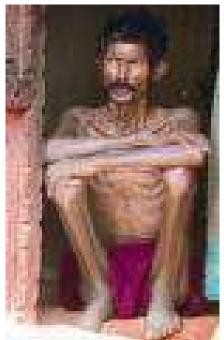
Waiter's flat feet work-related

Silicosis – occupational disease













Partially work-related disease

- the disease has several causative factors
- work plays a partial role in the etiology, but is not the main cause
- work attributable fraction <50%

Occupational disease

- strong link to work
- attributable fraction >50%
- often only one causative factor
- delineated in legislation





Occupational hazards to human health

| Type of hazard | Examples | Health effect |
|----------------|--|--|
| physical | noise local vibration | noise-induced hearing loss traumatic vasospastic disesae |
| chemical | various chemicals (e.g. solvents, heavy metals) | intoxications fibroses cancers allergies nervous system damage |
| biological | bacteria fungi viruses | infections allergies |
| ergonomic | repetitive work work-rest schedules | muskulosceletal injuries mental stress lowered productivity and work quality |
| psychosocial | organizational stress conflicts | work dissatisfaction burnout depression |

Occupational health vs. Environmental health

| Occupational health | Environmental health |
|---|--|
| Hazards in workplace environment | Hazards in community environment |
| Hazards largely in air | Hazards in air, soil, water, and food |
| Hazards are physical, chemical, biological, and psychosocial | Hazards are physical, chemical, biological, and psychosocial |
| Route of exposure: inhalation and dermal | Route of exposure: ingestion, inhalation, and dermal |
| Exposure period: 8 h/day for working life | Exposure period: lifelong |
| Exposed population: adults, usually healthy | Exposed population: children, adults, elderly, and sick persons |

Defining Risk

Hazard identification

Can the agent cause the adverse effect?

Dose-response assessment

What is the relationship between dose and incidence of adverse effects in humans or in animals?

Exposure assessment

What exposures are currently experienced or can be anticipated under various circumstances?

Risk characterization

What is the estimated incidence of the adverse effect in a given population or subpopulation?

What is the nature of the effect?

What is the strength of the evidence?

<u>RISK</u>:

expresses the **probability** that an adverse will appear in a person or a group.

HAZARD /occupational/: **potencially** harmful effect caused by an inactive source.

RISK (R) mathematical formula: R = W x K W = odds of occurrence /from 0 to 1/ K = severity of the event /from 0 to 1/

POPULATION'S RISK = N X R

POPULATION'S RISK UNIT:

1 mikrorisk = at <u>**1 millions person 1 death in lifetime**</u> (70 years average)

Occupational health risk assessment

In HUNGARY for this is **responsible the employer** (but it made by the occcupational medical service)











Environmental monitoring at the workplace

Chemical risk factors

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) Monitor







For dust particuls

For CO measurement

PEL – permissible exposure limits

TLV – threshold limit value

REL – recommended exposure levels

MAC – maximum allowable concentration

(A quantity of exposure which the human body can tolerate **without any temporary or lasting damage, or health risks to descendants**. Applies to 8-hour working days or 40 working hours per week.)

<u>Ceiling limits</u> (C values) Time allowed: 15 minutes one-shift maximum.

Biological monitoring: measured as a **concentration of chemical substance that is present in body** or its metabolic byproducts or through the specific changes it induces.

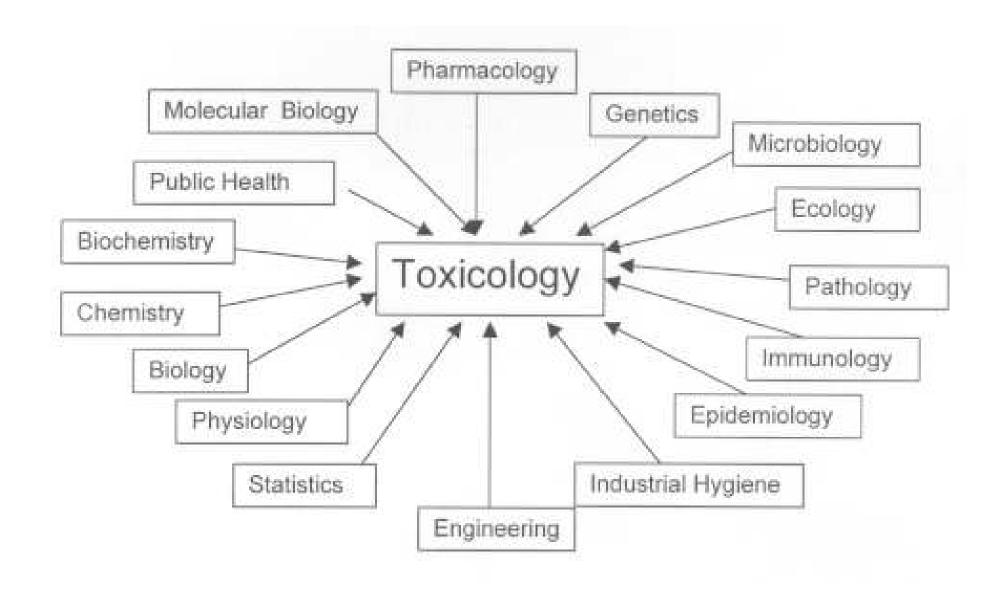




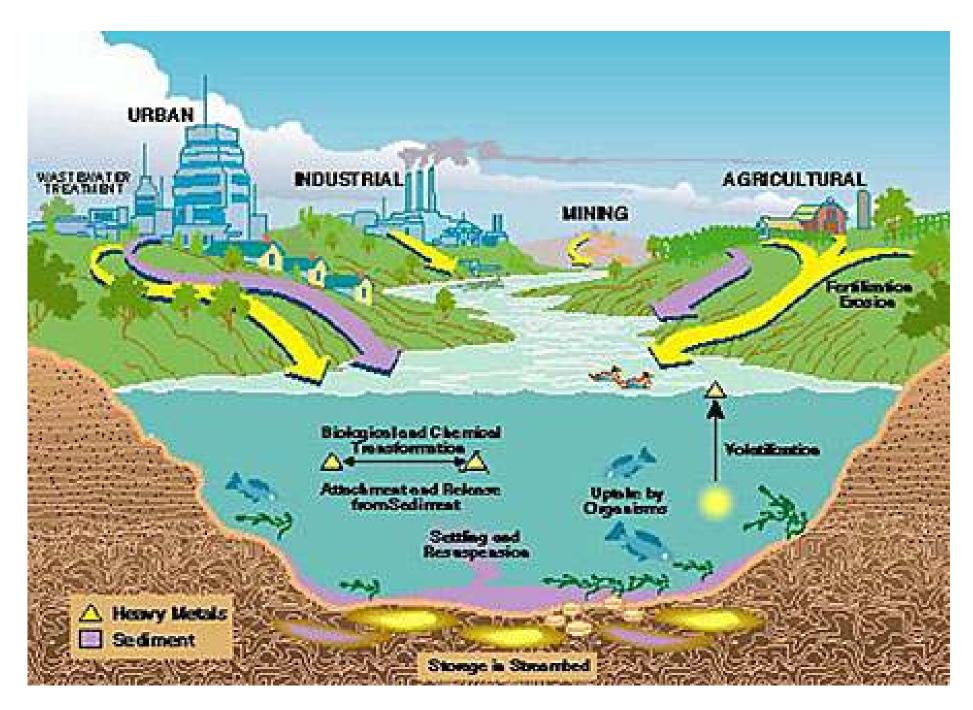


Number of known (registered) chemical substances **about 13 million**, and **1 % (130 000) are currently available commercially**.

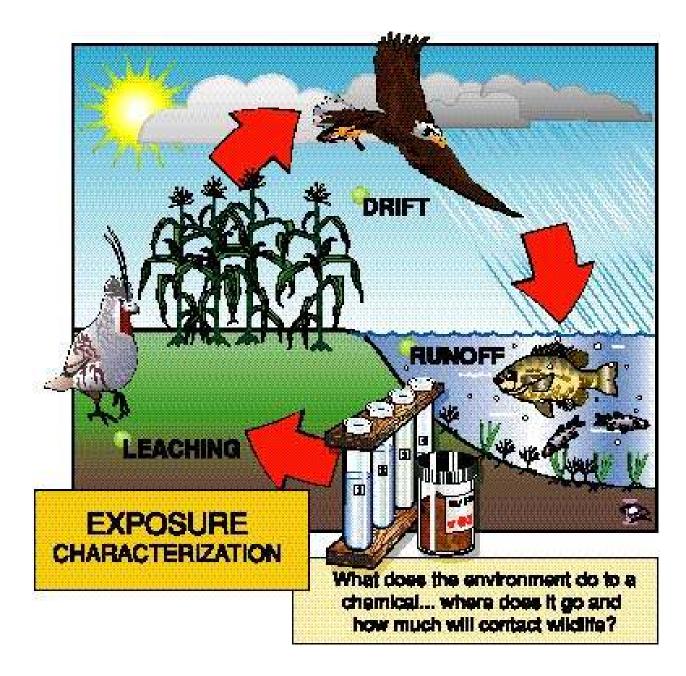
The number of chemicals produced and used in large quantities amount to a total of 4000.

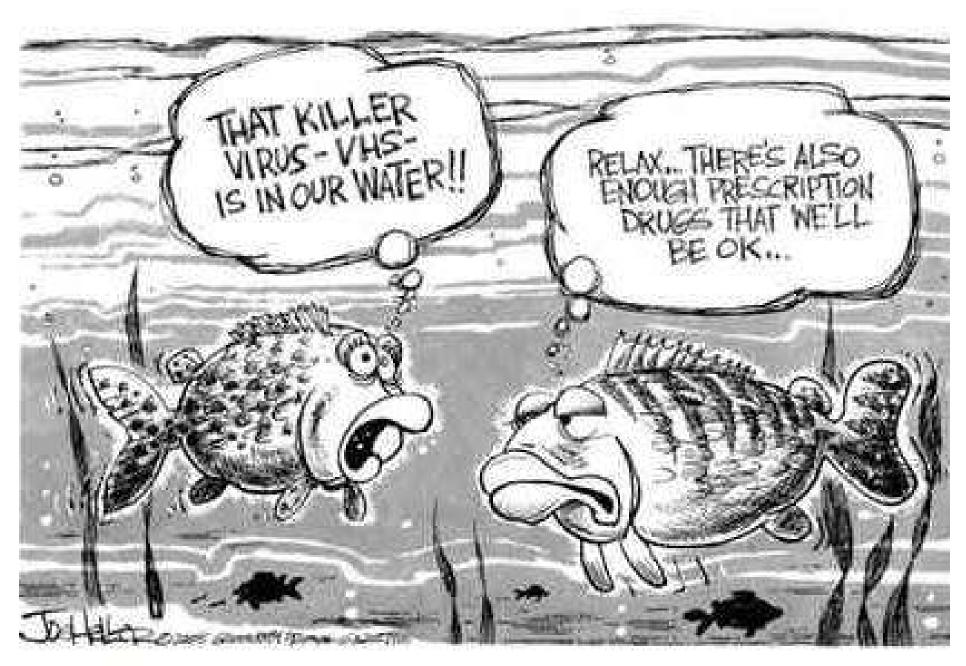


Toxicogenomics Aquatic toxicology Chemical toxicology Ecotoxicology Environmental toxicology Forensic toxicology Medical toxicology



Environmental Heavy Metal Contamination









Gannet (Morus gassanus) eggs monitored in Great Britainfor mercury an PCB congeners

Epidemiologic and toxicologic problems in environmental health (after Last)

Ambient level of toxic substances may be difficult to determine

Body burdens may be difficult to determine

Measurements seldom begin soon enough

Long latency or incubation time

Ill-defined clinical effects

Variable dose-response relationship

Low incidence of serious adverse effects

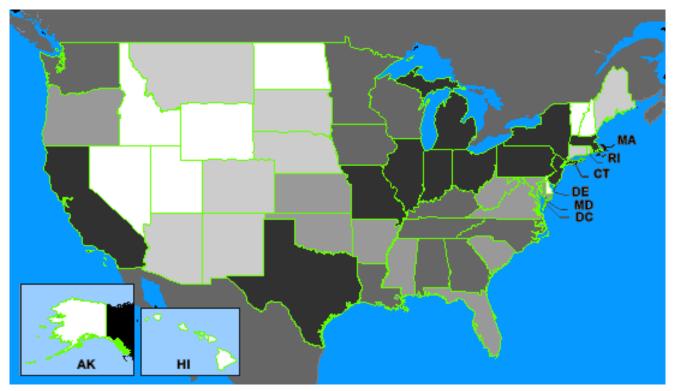
Confounding effects resulting from exposure to several toxic substances

Occupations and exposure change

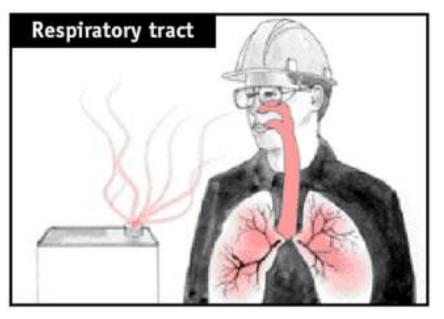
Workers may be migratory

Which denominator, which numerator should be used?

United States Housing Units with a High Risk of Lead Hazards



- highest 20% of states
 - second highest 20% of states
 - middle 20% of states
 - second lowest 20% of states
- lowest 20% of states





 $90-100\ m^2$ (bronchiolar and alveolar surface) $1.5-2\ m^2$ (skin)





200 m² (small intestine)

Properties of the chemical agent that are influencing <u>the effect of poisons</u>

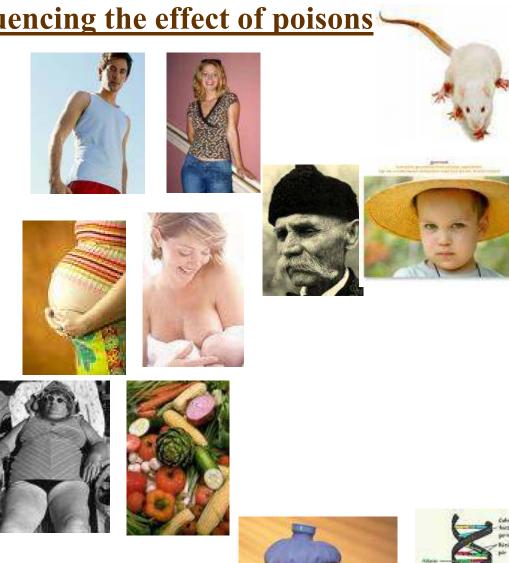
- quantity (dose)
- concentration
- chemical (technical) purity
- lipoid solubility
- size of molekule and gross
- physical condition
- steam pressure
- size of particle
- chemical structure
- ionization

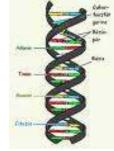
Synergistic responses:

when **two or more hazardous material exposures occur the resulting effect can be greater than the effect of the individual exposures**. This is called a synergistic or potentiating effect. Example: exposure to both alcohol and chlorinated solvents.

Human factors that are influencing the effect of poisons

- •species
- •sex
- •age
- •pregnancy, breastfeeding
- •hormone status
- •bodymass
- •nutrition
- •diseases
- •genetic factors
- others





Time and frequency of exposure

<u>acute toxicity</u>

- involves harmful effects in an organ through a single or short-term exposure
- <u>subacute toxicity</u>

– weeks



The Death of Socrates, 1787, Jacques-Louis David

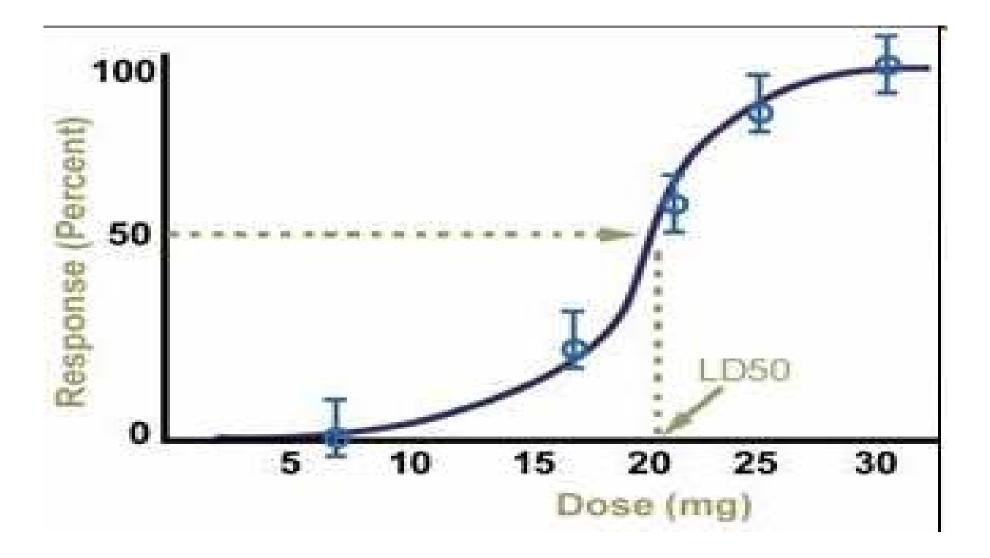
- <u>chronic toxicity</u>
 - the ability of a substance or mixture of substances to cause harmful effects
 over an extended period, usually
 upon repeated or continuous
 exposure, sometimes lasting for the entire life of the exposed organism

Lethal Dose 50 (LD₅₀) is the single dose of a substance that, when administered orally is expected to cause the <u>death during 2 weeks</u> of 50 per cent of a defined animal population.



Lethal Concentration 50 (LC₅₀) is the concentration of a substance in the air that, when given by inhalation over 4 hours, is expected to cause the <u>death during 2 weeks</u> in 50 per cent of a defined animal population.

Lethal Dose 50 (LD₅₀)



Problems with the LD50 test

It is a very cruel test (" a ritual mass execution of animals ").

LD50 for the same substance is often 10 times higher in one species than in another. Sometimes the differences are much greater.

For example, the LD50 for methylfluroactate was 0.15mg/kg in dogs and 11.00mg/kg in monkeys.

There can be large differences even between closely related species.

For example, the LD50 for paracetamol was 250-400mg/kg in mice and hamsters. Death was caused by liver damage. However, in rats the LD50 was 1000mg/kg, and there was no sign of liver damage.

Toxicity rating

| | Oral LD _{50,} rat, mg/kg | Dermal LD _{50,} rat or rabbit, mg/kg | LC _{50,} rat, mg/m ³ /4 hours |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| very toxic | ≤25 | ≤ 50 | ≤0,25 |
| toxic | 25-200 | 50-400 | 0,25-1 |
| slightly toxic | 200-2000 | 400-2000 | 1-5 |

Longer term tests:

to find out if a chemical has long-term effects, **animals are fed smaller doses every day, often for 90 days**. Two species are usually tested, a rodent (rats or mice) and a non-rodent (often dogs).

Human cell cultures have several advantages in predicting toxicity:

•they are human and so **avoid species differences**;

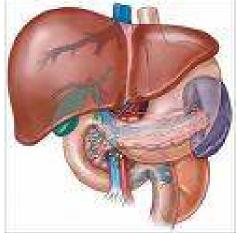
•they can be taken from the tissue a particular test chemical is most likely to affect, for example the skin, or the liver;

•they allow researchers to study how a substance causes damage to the cells, that is, why it is toxic;

•they avoid causing pain and death to animals.

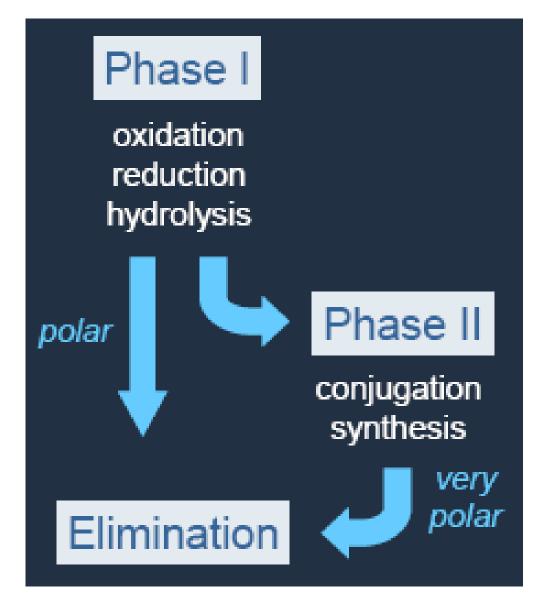
Human tissues for testing are becoming more available in the USA and Europe, although less so in Australia.

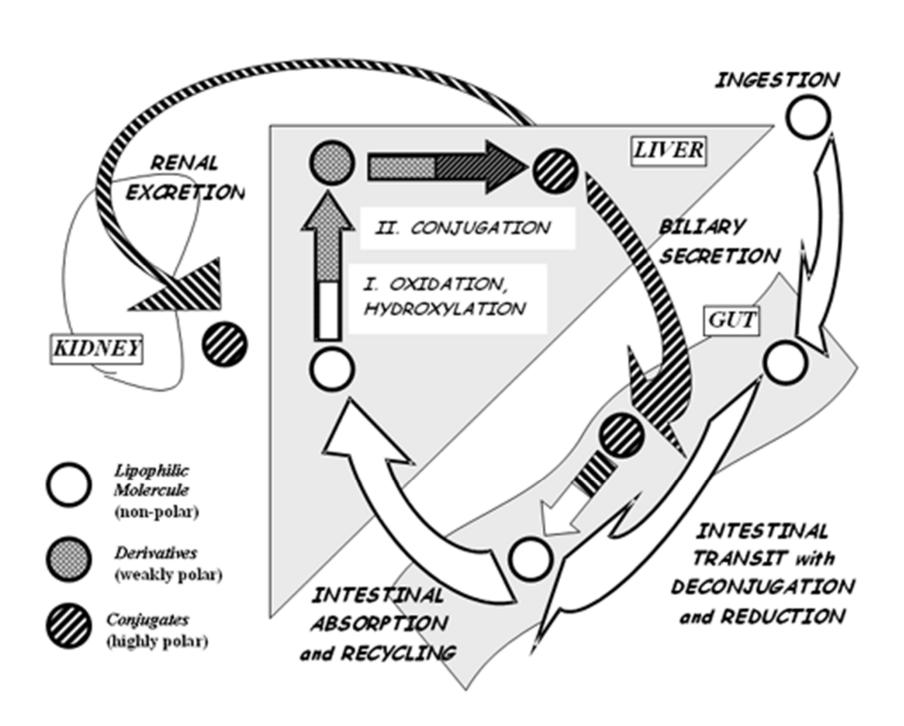
Absorption Distribution (water soluble, fat soluble chemicals) Biotransformation Excretion



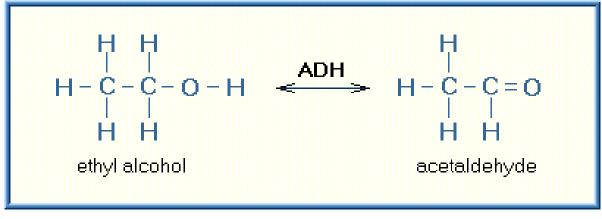
The liver needs to work efficiently to help break down toxins. All xenobiotics are potentially dangerous if the toxin is not dealt with by the liver.

The primary way the body deals with xenobiotics is to eliminate them via the urine or bile after processing by the liver, a process called **biotransformation detoxification**.



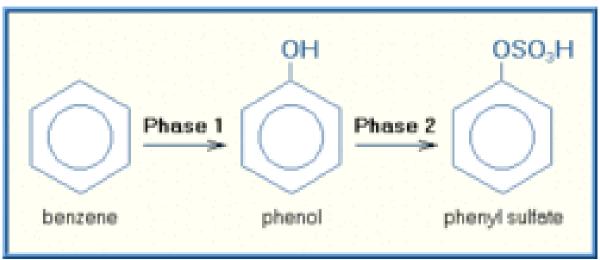


The biotransformation of ethyl alcohol to acetaldehyde:



ADH = alcohol dehydrogenase

The biotransformation of benzene (requires both Phase I and Phase II reactions):



The major transformation reactions for xenobiotics :

| Phase I | Phase II | |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| Oxidation | Sulfate conjugation | |
| Reduction | Glucuronide conjugation | |
| Hydrolysis | Glutathione conjugation | |
| Acetylation | Amino acid conjugation | |

What is toxic detoxication?

An example:

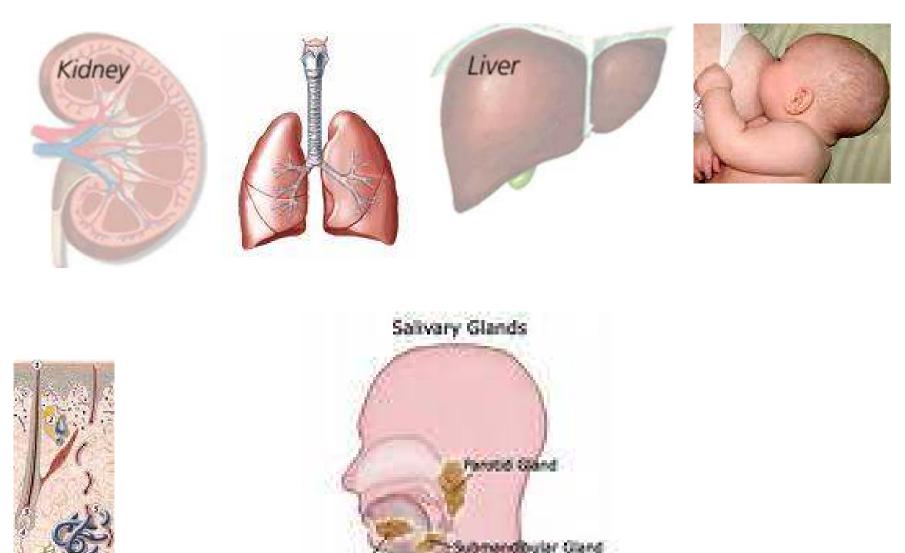
First, **methanol** is slowly oxidized by alcohol dehydrogenase to yield **formaldehyde**.

Next,formaldehyde is oxidized by formaldehyde dehydrogenase to yield **formic acid** (or formate, depending on the pH). This oxidation occurs rapidly so that little formaldehyde accumulates in the serum.

Finally, formic acid is metabolized to carbon dioxide and water, which are excreted by the kidneys and lungs.

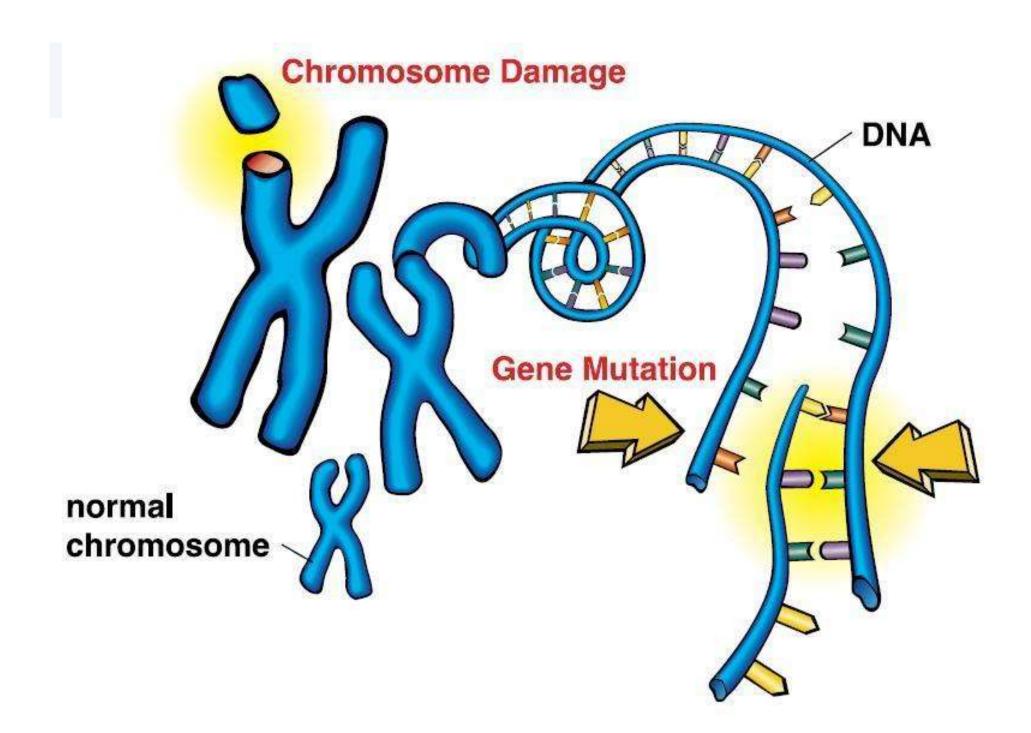
Formaldehyde and formic acid is more toxic than methanol.

Excretion



Sublineual Gane

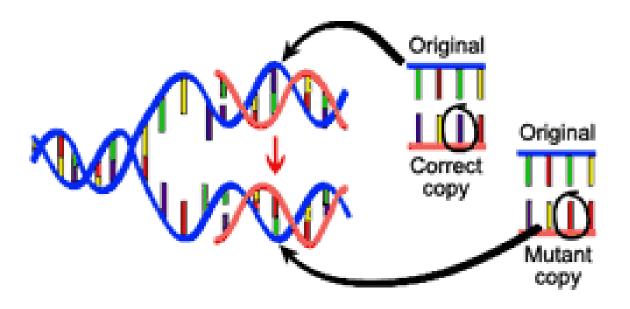
Sweat gland

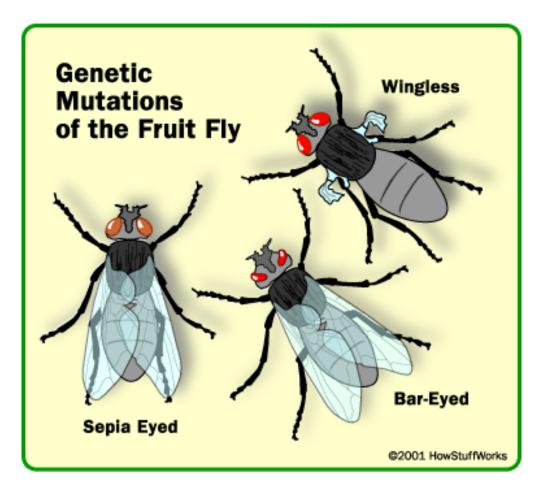


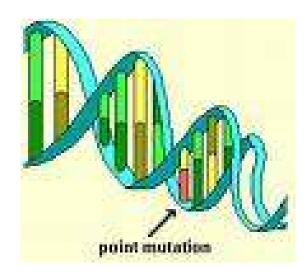


Brown was a Point mutation. Depending on strain, this mutation was due to radiation, chemical induction, or spontaneous mutation.

Fancier name: Chocolate







Hundreds of fruit flies in gelatin capsules was bombarded with X-rays. The irradiated flies were then bred to untreated ones.

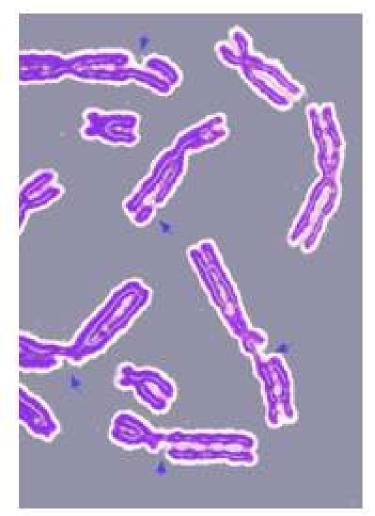
In 10 days thousands of their offspring were buzzing around their banana-mash feed, and the researcher was looking upon an unprecedented outburst of man-made mutations. There were flies with bulging eyes, flat eyes, purple, yellow and brown eyes. Some had curly bristles, some no bristles...

Genotoxicology monitoring system, genotoxicity tests

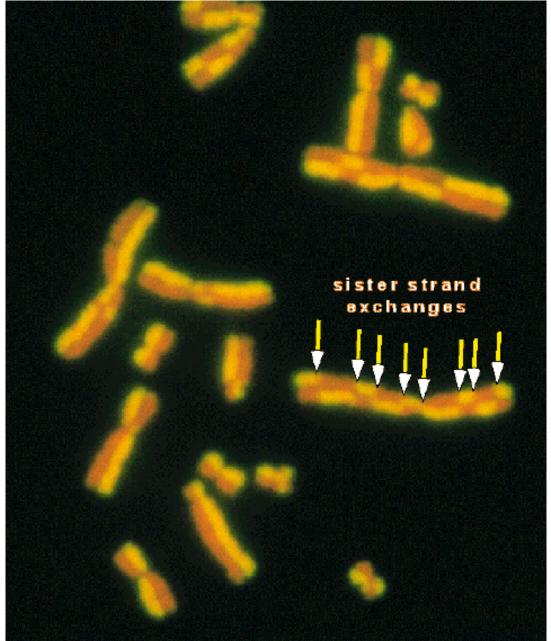
- 1. Chromosomal aberration (CA)
- genetic instability
- structural or numerical anomaly
- Increased risk of cancer in healthy individuals with high levels of chromosomal aberrations (CA) in

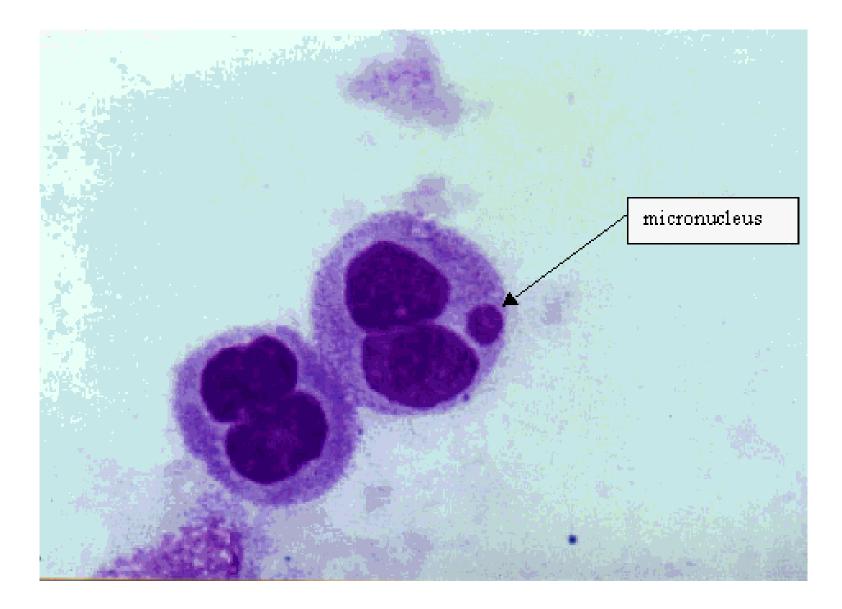
peripheral blood lymphocytes

- 2. <u>Sister-chromatid exchange test</u> (SCE)
- 3. <u>Micronucleus test</u>



Sister-chromatid exchange (SCE)





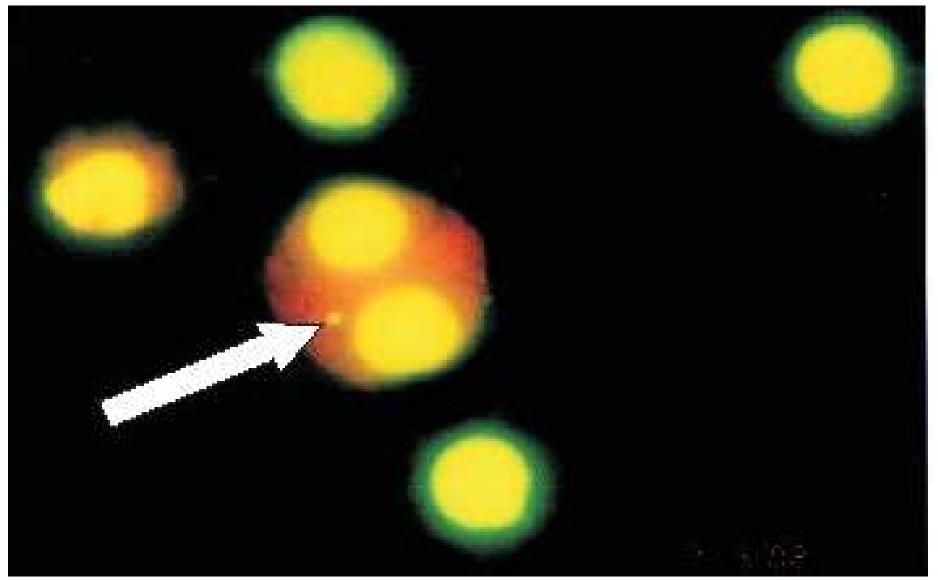
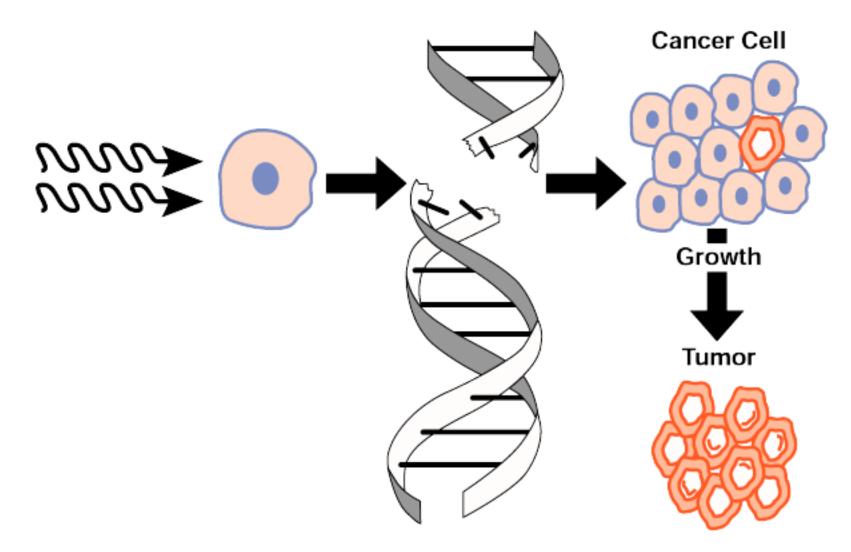


Illustration of a binuclear <u>human lymphocyte</u> containing a <u>micronucleus</u> (arrow). <u>Nuclear material appears in yellow, cytoplasm</u> <u>in red</u>. Acridin-Orange staining, fluorescence microscopy, enlargement 1000 fold.

Information in the genome exists in at least two forms, genetic and epigenetic.

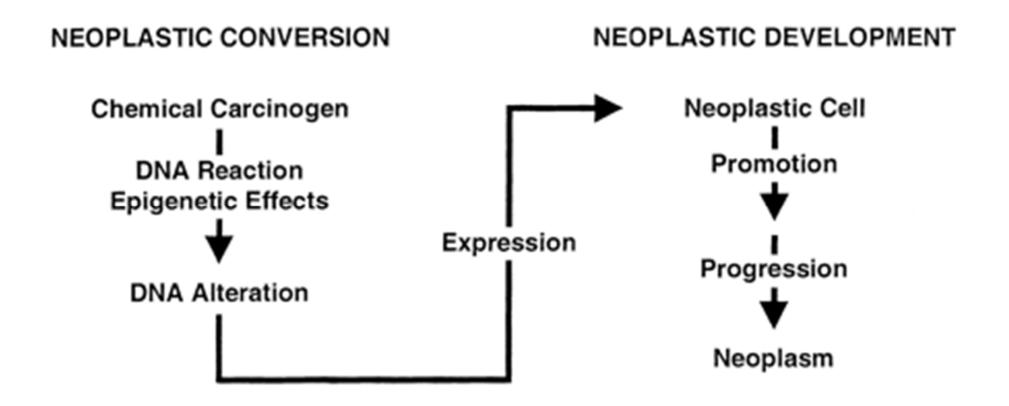
The genetic information provides the blueprint for the manufacture of all the proteins necessary to create a living organism, whereas the epigenetic information provides additional instructions on

how, where, and when the genetic information will be used.



Development of cancer from mutation: 1. <u>Initiation</u> (initiated cell) 2. <u>Promotion</u>, 3. <u>Progression</u>

The initiated cell must be exposed to the promoter to complete the second phase.



Weisburger and Williams, The Distinction between Genotoxic and Epigenetic Carcinogens and Implication for Cancer Risk, Toxicological Sciences **57**, 4-5 (2000)

Genotoxic carcinogens:

that **bind to DNA** and cause mutation **by cell initiation**

(for example: benzene, heavy metals).

Epigenetic carcinogens: which are not able to cause mutation and do not blind to the DNA but are able to cause cancer through promotion (for example:.hormones, barbiturates).

Genotoxic carcinogens

• Chemical <u>capable of producing cancer by directly altering</u> <u>the genetic material of target cells</u>.

Direct carcinogens (no metabolic activation)

Alkylating agents

Indirect carcinogens (metabolic activation)

- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
- Aromatic amines
- Nitrosamines
- Natural substances
 - Mycotoxins
- Inorganic carcinogens
 - Ni, Cr, Cd, As

Epigenetic carcinogens

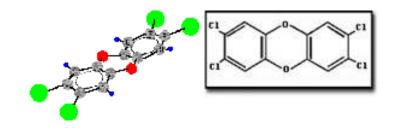
• Cytotoxic carcinogens

- Nitrillotriacetate, BHA (Butylated Hydroxyanisole), BHT (Butylated hydroxitoluene)

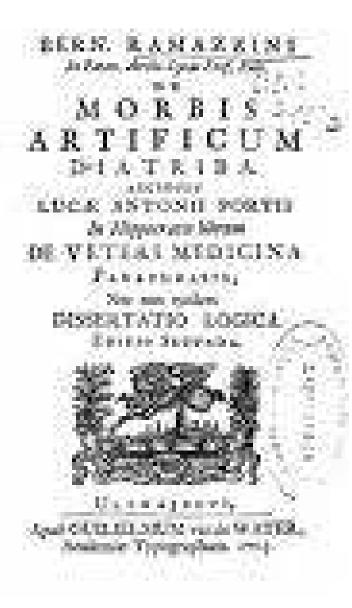
- Tumor promoters
 - DDT, Dioxin
- Hormones



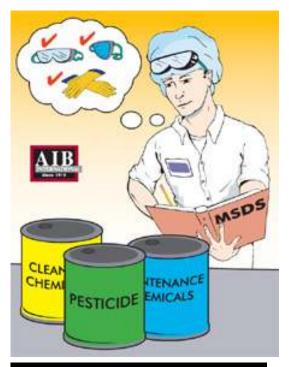
- Immunosuppressants
 - Cyclosporin A
- Particulates
 - Asbestos







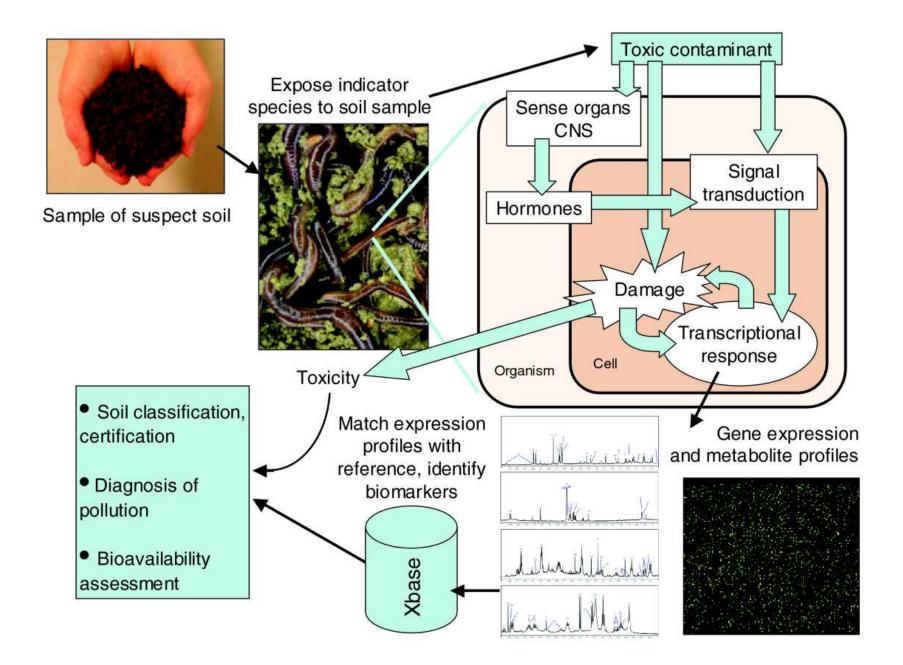




The Dirty Dozen POPs

polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) dioxins (PCDDs) furans (PCDFs) aldrin diel drin DDT en drin chlordane hexachlorobenzene mirex toxa phene hepta chlor

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Arsenic

Exposure to lower levels of arsenic and chronic exposition

can cause nausea and vomiting, decreased production of red and white blood cells, abnormal heart rhythm, damage to blood vessels, and **can lead** <u>to</u> <u>progressive peripheral and central nervous changes, sensation of</u> <u>"pins and needles" in hands and feet, hyperpigmentation,</u> <u>hyperkeratosis, "black foot disease</u>".

Arsenic and arsenic compounds are human carcinogens.







Johannes **GUTENBERG** (about 1400 -1468)



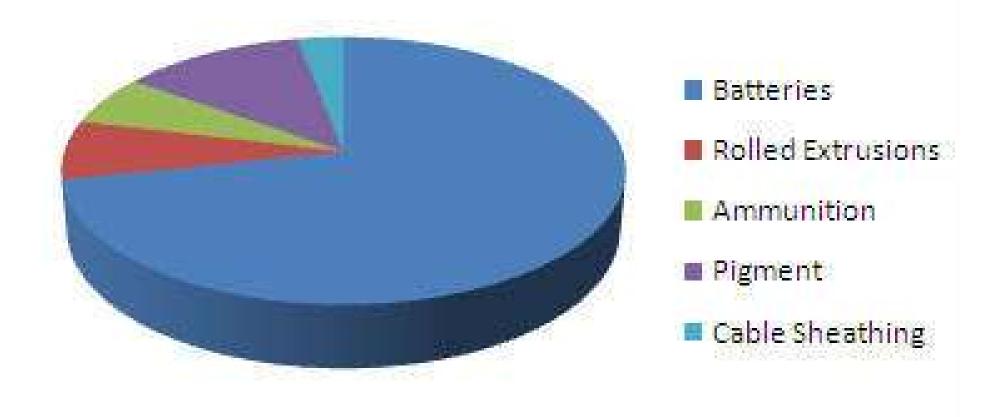


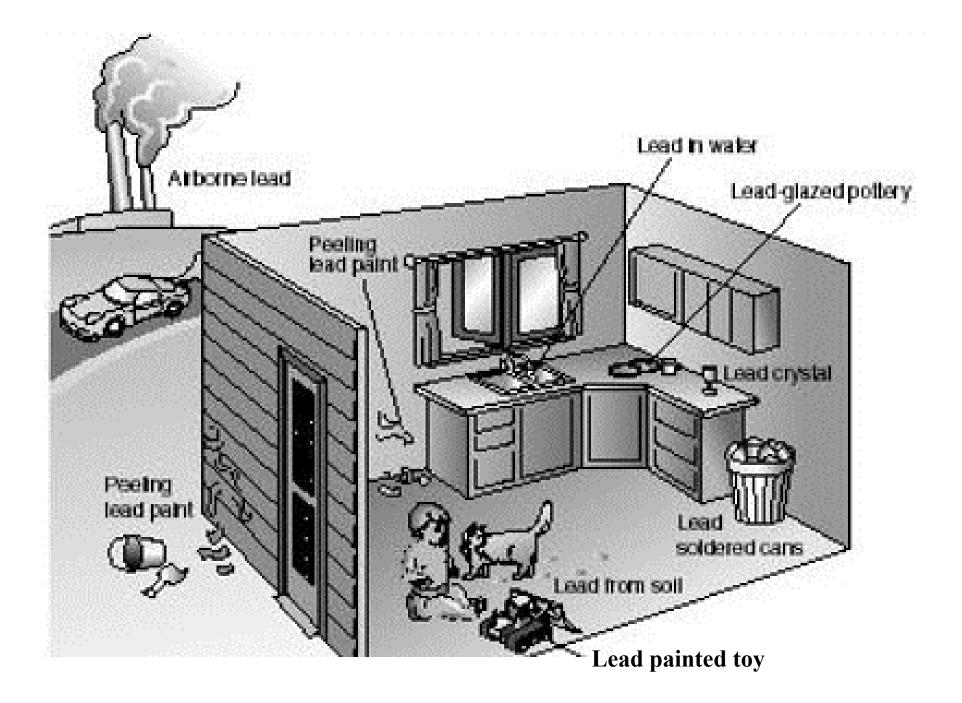




Batteries
 Cable Sheathing
 Rolled & Extruded
 Shot/Ammunition
 Alloys
 Pigments & Compounds
 Gasoline Additives
 Miscellaneous

End Uses of Lead



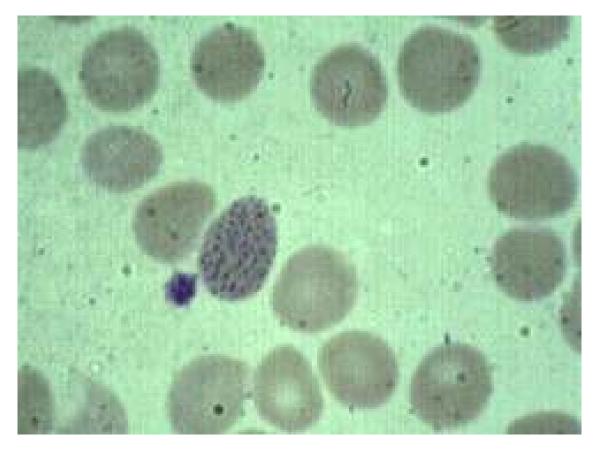


Lead

Lead can damage nervous connections and cause <u>blood and brain</u> <u>disorders</u>.Lead causes <u>ineffective heme synthesis</u> and subsequent microcytic anemia.

Long term exposure to lead or its salts (especially soluble salts or the strong oxidant PbO₂) can cause <u>nephropathy</u>, and colic-like abdominal pains.

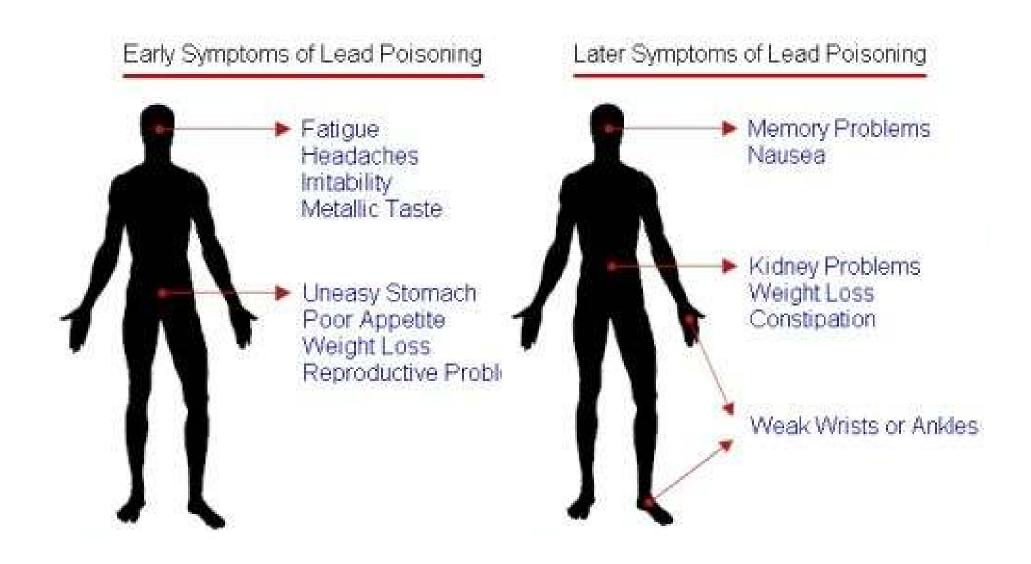
Biological monitoring: measuring **lead level in the blood.**



In blood lead is mostly associated with erythrocytes (red blood cells) – Above shows basophilic stippling in red blood cells,

resulting from the interference of lead with the sulphydryl groups responsible for the proper function of the enzymes responsible for synthesising haemoglobin.

Thus abnormal haemoglobin is produced - hence the basophil stippling, and anaemia.



Dangers of lead and arsenic poisoning

Arsenic poisoning Nerve damage Skin damage: Hyperkeratosis (scaling skin) Pigment changes Increased cancer risk: ■Lung Bladder Kidney and liver cancers -Circulatory problems in skin

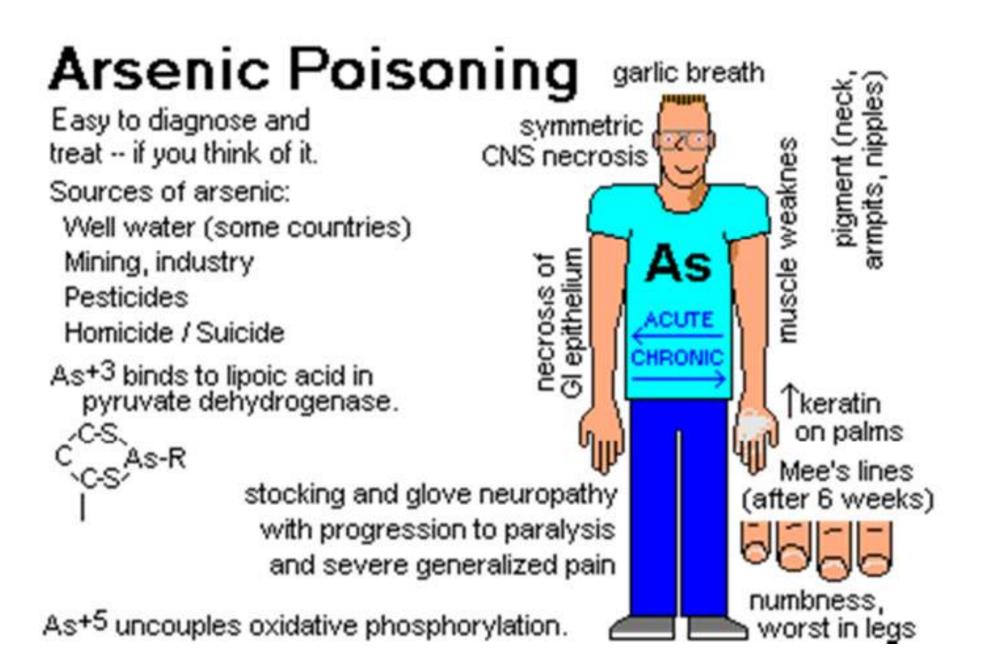
Lead poisoning

High levels of lead

 Mental retardation, coma, convulsions and death

Low levels of lead

Reduced IQ and attention span, impaired growth, reading and learning disabilities, hearing loss and a range of other health and behavioral effects.





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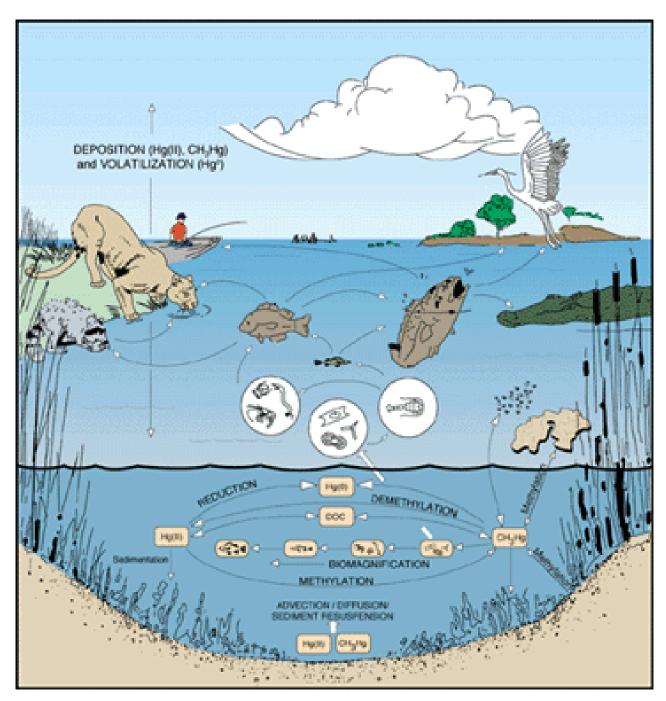
Mercury

Chronic exposure may result in tremors, impaired cognitive skills, and sleep disturbance in workers with chronic exposure to mercury vapour even at low concentrations. It affects the human brain, spinal cord, eyes, and kidneys.



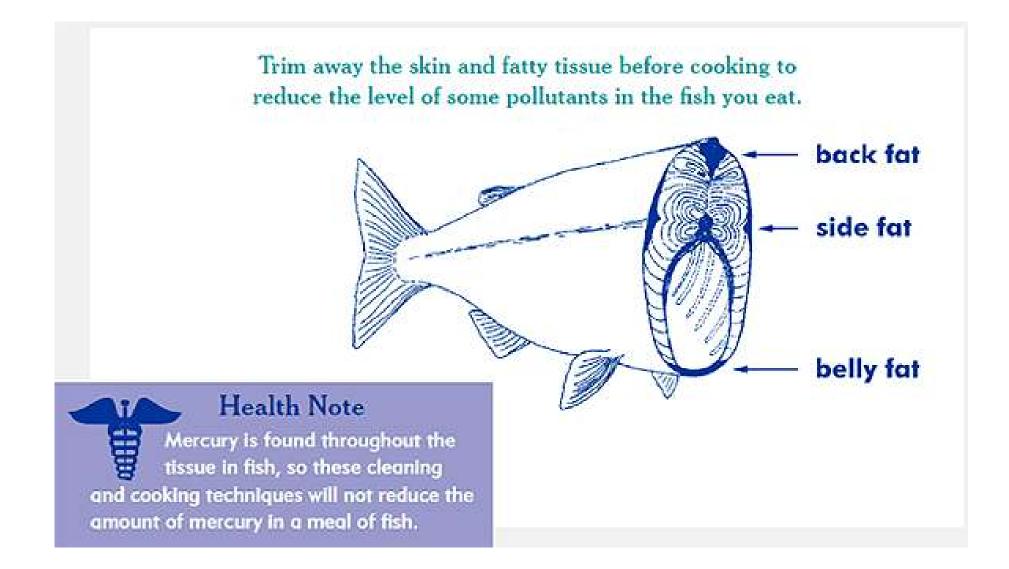
"<u>As mad as a hatter</u>."The "mad hatters" of the 19th century suffered from mercury poisoning which caused <u>personality</u> <u>changes</u>, <u>nervousness</u>, <u>trembling</u>, <u>and even dementia</u>. The hatters were exposed to mercury in the felting process</u>, where mercury was rubbed onto cloth to preserve it.





Mercury Methylation Cycle

•Methylmercury —a chemical made up of mercury combined with carbon; mainly produced by microscopic organisms in the water and soil.



What is Minamata-disease?



Mercury - methylmercury

Children with Congenital Minamata Disease due to intrauterine methylmercury poisoning (Harada 1986).

The methylmercury bioaccumulated within the food chain, from plankton and other microorganisms up to fish and shellfish. Obtained much of their protein from Minamata Bay seafood, in the early 1950s, Minamata Bay residents began to exhibit symptoms of neurological illness, such as uncontrollable trembling, loss of motor control, and partial paralysis.



Amalgam fillings - is it harmful or not?

What to do if you have a mercury spill?



- •Leave the area if you are not involved in the cleanup.
- •Open windows and doors to ventilate the area.
- •<u>Collect very small amounts</u> of mercury with adhesive tape or an eyedropper. <u>Store it in a sealed</u> <u>plastic container for transport to a household</u> <u>hazardous waste collection</u>.

<u>Do Not</u>

Do

- •<u>Use a vacuum cleaner to clean up mercury</u>. A vacuum cleaner will spread mercury vapors and
 - tiny droplets and increase the area of contamination.

<u>Cadmium</u>

Cadmium is associated with industrial processes such as metal plating and the production of **nickel-cadmium batteries**, **pigments**, **plastics**, **and other synthetics**.

<u>Chronic exposure</u> can result in <u>chronic obstructive lung disease</u>, <u>renal disease</u> and <u>fragile bones</u>.







What is Itai-itai disease?



The <u>cadmium</u> was released into rivers by mining companies in the mountains. It principally consists of a painful skeletal condition resulting from **weak and deformed bones**.

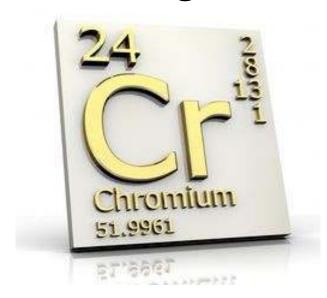
Spinal and leg bone pain, and an increasingly waddling gait due to bone deformities.

Cadmium is readily taken up by rice and other plants time.

http://www.kanazawamed.ac.jp/~pubhealt/cadmium2/itaiitaie/itai01.html

Chromium

Cr^{III}, Cr^{VI} (the latter much more dangerous) Cr^{III} is an essential trace mineral (glucose tolerance factor) <u>acute poisoning</u> (renal tubular necrosis, severe liver damage) <u>chronic poisoning</u> (dermatitis, skin ulcers ('chrome holes'), ulceration of nasacal mucosa (perforation of nasal septum), airway irritation, chronic bronchitis, Cr^{VI} - lung cancer







Hexavalent <u>chromium</u> enters the human body mainly through inhalation in the form of dust, fume or mist.

They are mainly exposed to hexavalent chromium in any of the following ways: •During the **production of chemicals like chromate pigments**, chromic acid.

•Working in the close proximity of **<u>chrome electroplating</u>**.

•While <u>welding of stainless steel</u>, chrome coated metals or chrome alloys.

•At the time of **application or removal of paints** with chromate content.



After effects of chromium, a carcinogenic commonly used in the tanning

Nickel

<u>Chronic exposition</u> may lead to chronic rhinitis, sinusitis, perforation of nasal septum, asthma, cancers of the nasal cavities.

Biological monitoring: Ni-measurement in the urine



Nickel necklace could cause allergic skin dermatitis.



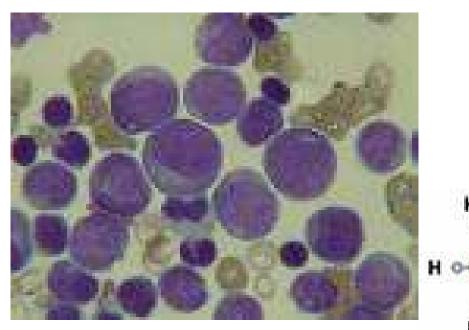


Allergy of the skin to nickel - a case of nickel eczema (dermatitis).

Benzene

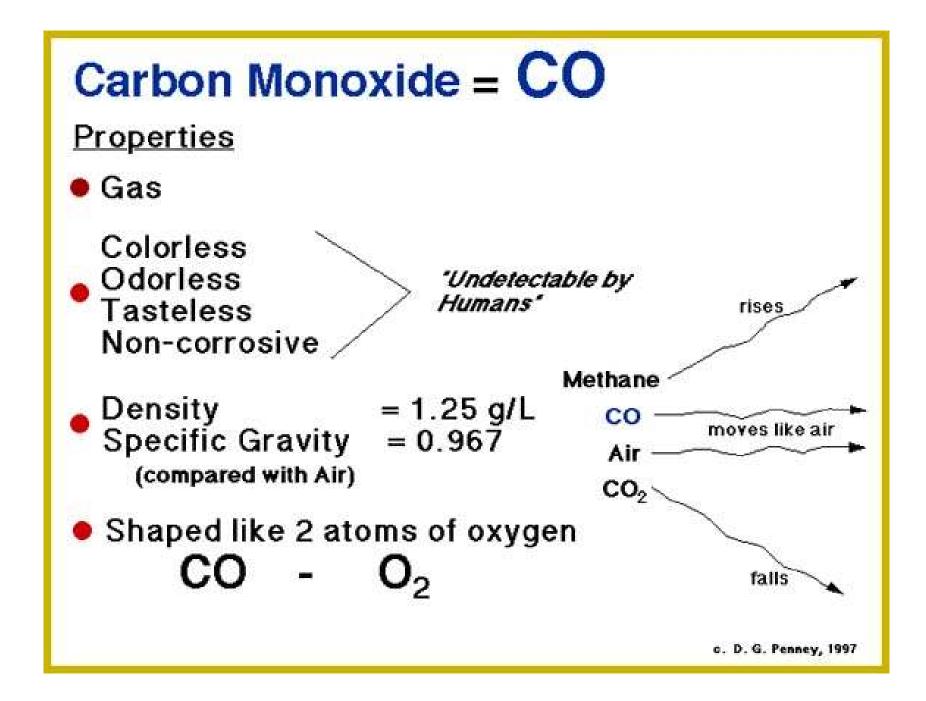
It is an important industrial solvent and precursor in the production of drugs, plastics, synthetic rubber, and dyes.

<u>Chronic exposure</u>: <u>damages the bone marrow</u> and can cause a decrease in red blood cells, leading to anemia. It can also cause excessive bleeding and <u>depress the immune system</u>, increasing the chance of infection. Benzene causes <u>leukemia</u>. Benzene targets liver, kidney, lung, heart and the brain.



Acute myeloid leukemia

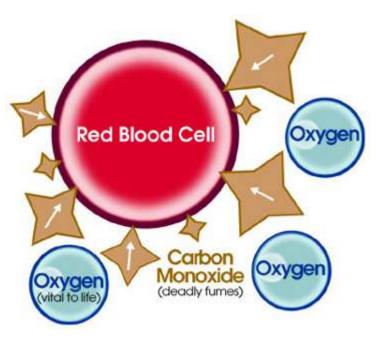


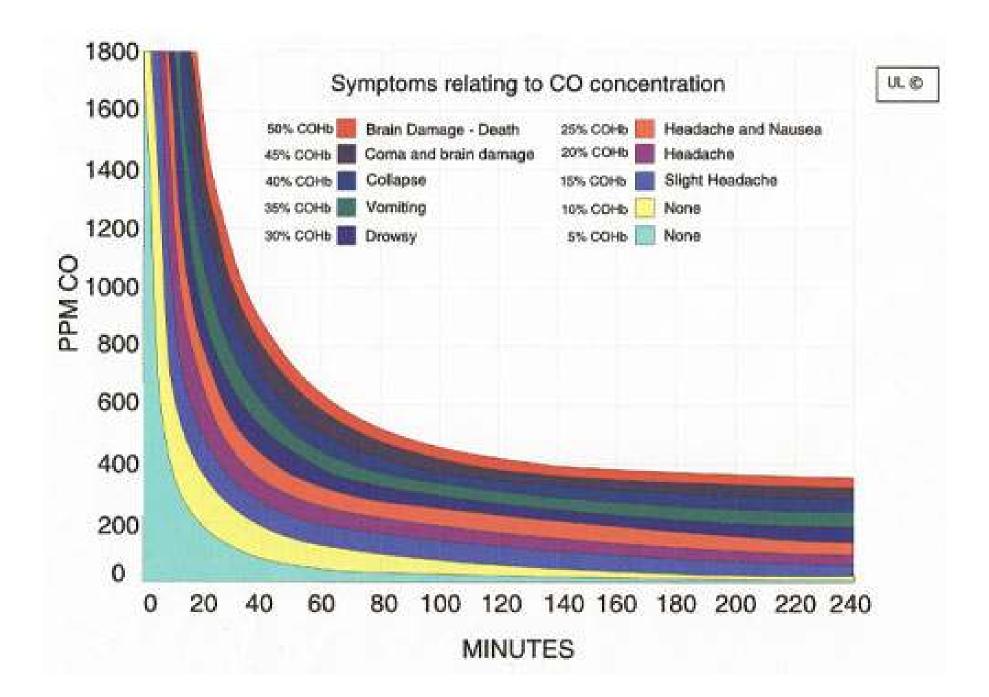


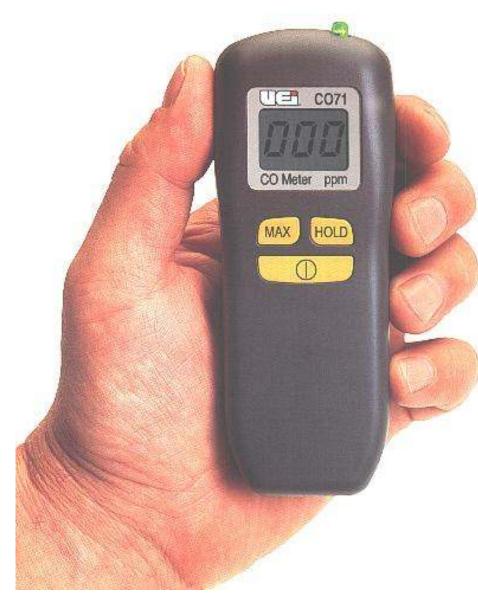
Carbon monoxide

Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include <u>drowsiness</u> <u>and headache</u>, followed by <u>unconsciousness, respiratory failure,</u> <u>and death</u>.

Carbon monoxide **binds to hemoglobin three hundred times more strongly than oxygen**.





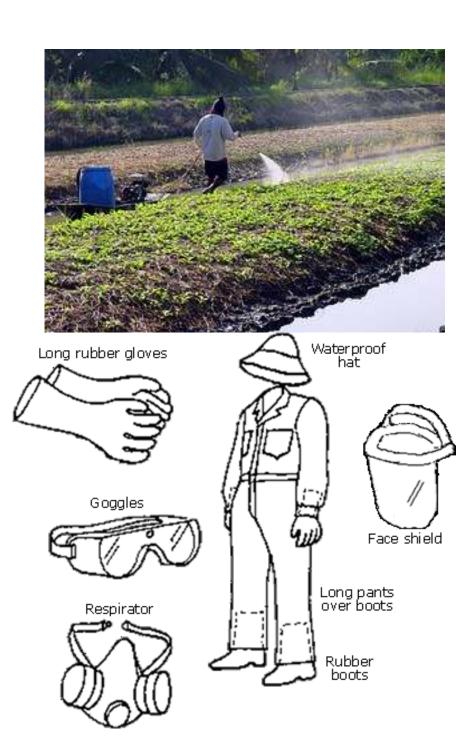


Carbon monoxide detector

Green LED: 2-9 ppm Yellow LED: 10-34 ppm Red LED: >35 ppm Audible alarm at >35ppm increasing frequency with concentration

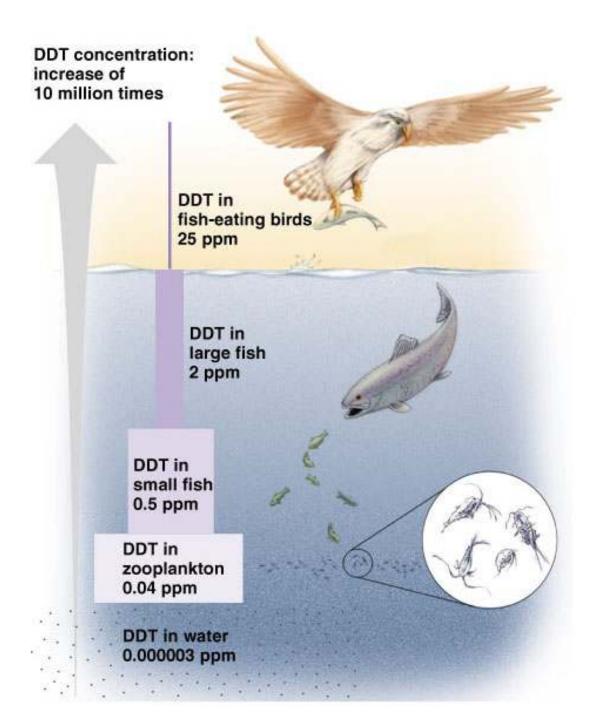






The "Dirty Dozen":

- 1. Aldrin
- 2. Chlordane
- **3. DDT** (dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane)
- 4. Dieldrin
- 5. Endrin
- 6. Heptachlor
- 7. HBC (hexachlorobenzene)
- 8. Mirex
- 9. Toxaphene
- 10. PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls)
- **11. Dioxins** (polychlorinated-dibento-p-dioxins)
- 12. Furans (polychlorinated-dibenzofurans)



UNEP Adds to "Dirty Dozen" List:

- 1. Pentabromodiphenyl ether
- 2. Octabromodiphenyl ether
- 3. Chlordecone
- 4. Lindane
- 5. Alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane
- 6. Beta-hexachlorocyclohexane
- 7. PFOS
- 8. Hexabromobiphenyl
- 9. Pentachlorobenzene



Chemical exposure I.

Classification



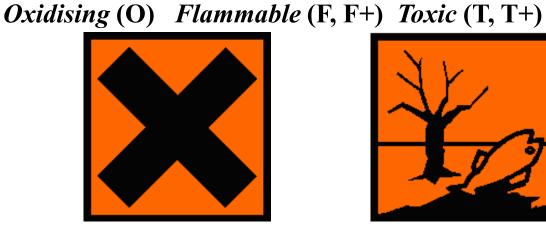






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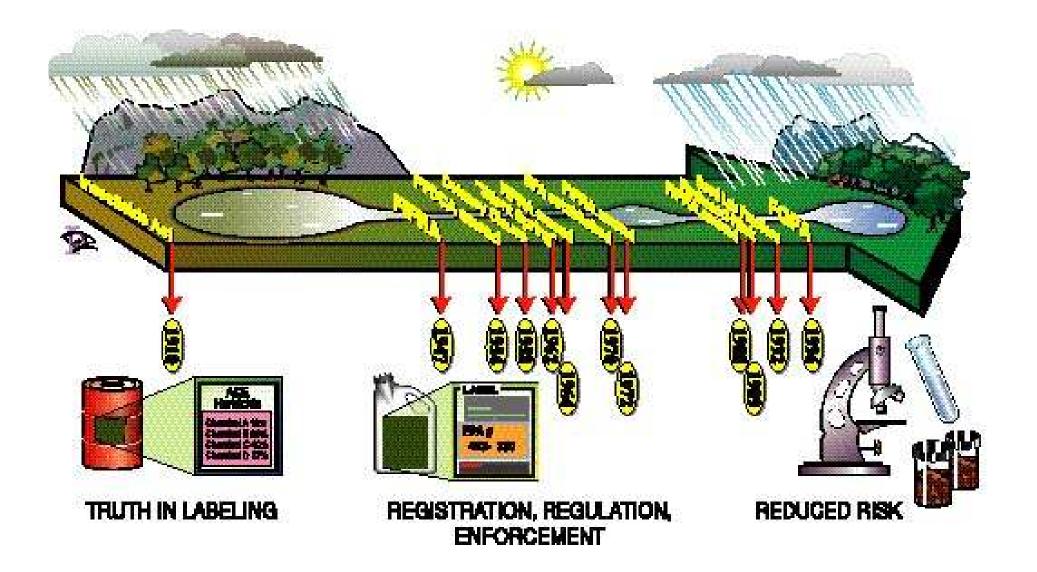
Corrosive (C)

Harmful (Xn), Irritant (Xi) Dangerous for the environment (N)

Chemical exposure II.

| VINYL CHLORIDE | | 0082 April 2000 | |
|---|---|--|--|
| CAS No: 75-01-4 RTECS No: KU9625000 UN No: 1086 (stabilized) EC No: 602-023-00-7 | Chloroethene Chloroethylene VCM (cylinder) C₂H₃CI / H₂C=CHC Molecular mass: 62 | $2.5 \qquad Curus (ICSC) \qquad \qquad$ | |
| Physical State; Appearance COLOURLESS COMPRESSED LIQUEFIEL CHARACTERISTIC ODOUR. Physical dangers The gas is heavier than air, and may travel distant ignition possible. Vinyl chloride mon uninhibited and may form polymers in vents of storage tanks, resulting in blockage of ver- Chemical dangers The substance can under specific circumsta peroxides, initiating explosive polymerization will polymerize readily due to heating and u air, light, and on contact with a catalyst, stre- and metals such as copper and aluminium, explosion hazard. The substance decompo- producing toxic and corrosive fumes (hydro- phosgene). Attacks iron and steel in the pre- Occupational exposure limits TLV: 1 ppm; A1 (ACGIH 1999). | along the ground; omer vapours are s or flame arresters ents. ances form on. The substance inder the influence of ong oxidizing agents with fire or ses on burning igen chloride, | Routes of exposure Available: www.ip.g.mglation. Inhalation risk A harmful concentration of this gas in the air will be reached very quickly on loss of containment. Effects of short-term exposure The substance irritates the eyes. The liquid may cause frostbite. The substance may cause effects on the central nervous system. Exposure could cause lowering of consciousness. Medical observation is indicated. Effects of long-term or repeated exposure The substance may have effects on the liver, spleen, blood and peripheral blood vessels, and tissue and bones of the fingers. This substance is carcinogenic to humans. | |



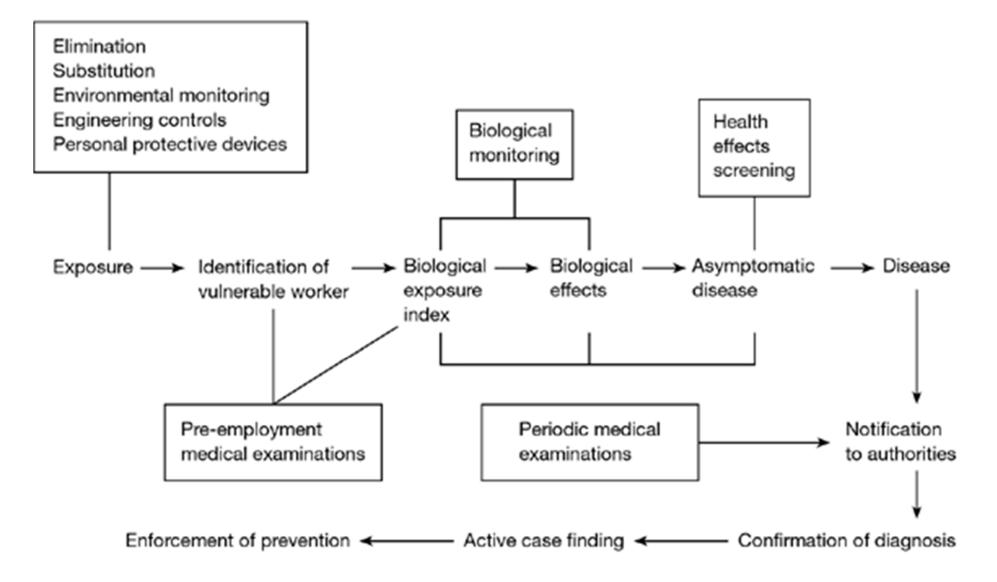


The Stockholm Convention is an international agreement that mandates the participating countries to actively reduce, and ideally eliminate the release of the treaty-designated POPs into the environment, and therefore prevent their spread around the world.

The Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants was adopted May 2001.

PRIMARY PREVENTION

SECONDARY PREVENTION



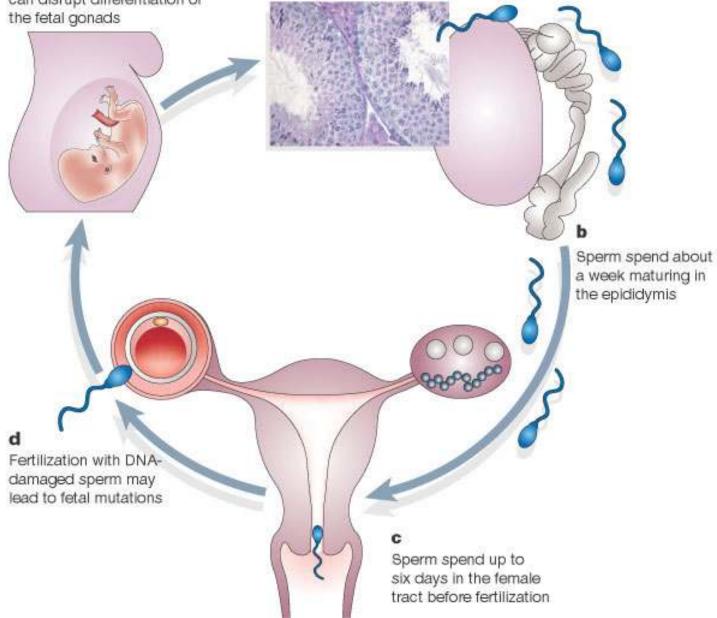
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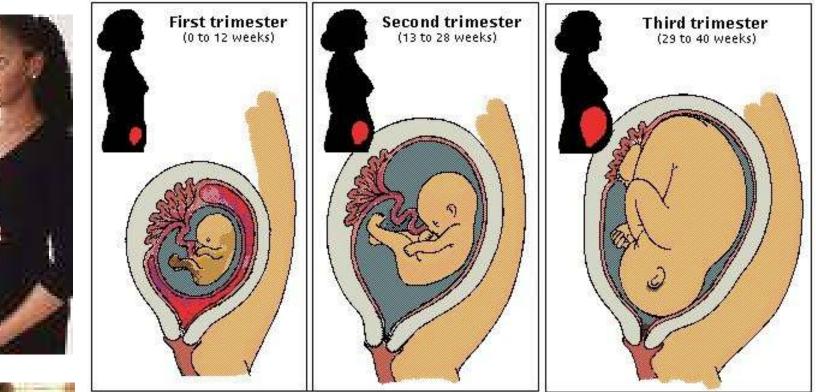
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During pregnancy, xenobiotics can disrupt differentiation of the fetal gonads

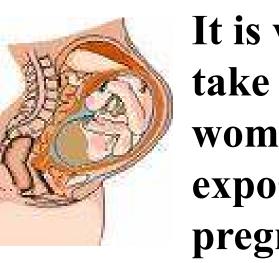
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Germ-cell formation and sperm release









It is very important to take out the gravid woman from the harmful exposition at once as the pregnancy is known!





How to choose for the worker the suitable personal protection device?



Program from an USA state:

residents, farms, or business firms <u>may bring</u> <u>unwanted pesticides to the</u> <u>Hazardous Waste Depot</u> <u>for disposal at no charge</u>! This program is available while funding lasts.



A puzzle for Hugarian boys and girls

Further info to be found:

www.ilo.org

www.cdc.gov/niosh

www.who.int

www.who.dk

www.osha.gov

www.epa.gov