

TOXICOLOGY ROTATION
B.C. Drug and Poison Information Centre
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Description

The B.C. Drug and Poison Information Centre (DPIC) is the provincial drug and poison information centre for British Columbia. In addition to drug information provided to healthcare professionals, DPIC also provides telephone poison information

and toxicology consultation service to both health care professionals and the general public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Poison Control Centre is staffed by pharmacists, nurses and consulting physicians.

Goals

The goal in the 1-week toxicology rotation is for the pharmacy resident to become familiar with the role of a poison control

centre and to develop a basic understanding of the general management of the poisoned patient.

Toxicology Rotation Objectives

Upon completion of the rotation, the pharmacy resident should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to use reference resources available to retrieve toxicologic information.
2. Demonstrate the ability to discuss the toxicity, pathophysiology and therapy of common toxins.
3. Demonstrate the ability to obtain a pertinent history regarding a poisoning exposure.
4. Demonstrate skills necessary to evaluate the potential severity of a toxic exposure.

Activities

To meet these objectives, the pharmacy resident will be involved in a variety of teaching sessions, clinical case reviews, and will have the opportunity to listen in on the poison control calls and discuss the scenario afterwards.

Participating DPIC Faculty

Toxicology Rotation: Debra Kent, Ray Li, DPIC's poison information specialists

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