

COLCHINCINE, POISON

Is a plant poison extracted from autumn crocus flower or seeds of the plant. Colchicum autumnale.

MOLECULAR WEIGHT IS 399.43
IT IS A YELLOW AMORPHOUS POWDER IN PURE FORM.

DEADLY DOSAGE IS 20MG INGESTED AND 2MG INTRAVENOUS.

ONCE INGESTED IT IS SECRETED SLOWLY AND CONVERTED IN THE BODY TO OXYDICOLCHICINE, WHICH IN LARGE DOSES CAUSES CELL DESTRUCTION. SYMPTOMS ARE SEVERE ABDOMINAL PAIN, NAUSEA, VOMITING AND DIARRHEA. THE DIARRHEA SOON BECOMES PROFUSE, WATERY AND BLOODY DUE TO A HEMORRHAGIC GASTROENTERITIS. THE SYNDROME IS SIMILAR TO ACUTE ARSENIC POISONING. BURNING OF THE THROAT AND SKIN. BECAUSE OF THE EXTENSIVE VASCULAR DAMAGE, SHOCK OCCURS. THE KIDNEY, ANOTHER SITE OF EXCRETION OF THE POISON, IS ALSO INVOLVED FOLLOWED BY HEMATURIA AND OLIGURIA. THE PULSE IS RAPID AND WEAK. MUSCULAR WEAKNESS IS PRONOUNCED, WITH PARALYSIS AND DEATH RESULTING FROM RESPIRATORY ARREST USUALLY WITHIN A DAY OR TWO. TERMINAL DELIRIUM OR CONVULSIONS MAY ALSO APPEAR. IV INJECTIONS CAUSE SUDDEN DEATH WITHOUT ANY SYMPTOMS.

ANTIDOTE:

GASTRIC LAVAGE. SHOCK SYMPTOMS SHOULD BE TREATED BY IV SALINE, GLUCOSE OR BLOOD. AIR AND OXYGEN SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED. ATROPINE AND MORPHINE AID IN RELIEVING THE INTENSE ABDOMINAL PAIN.

AN AUTOPSY WILL SHOW ONLY SIGNS OF ACUTE GASTROENTERITIS. IT DOES NOT MEAN IT IS UNDETECTABLE, IT JUST MEANS IT MAY BE OVERLOOKED. THIS POISON IS PERFECT FOR DELIVERY BY USE OF A SMALL CALIBER BULLET LIKE A 22 HOLLOW POINT.

IT DISSOLVES SLOWLY IN WATER AND FAST IN DILUTE ETHANOL (LIQUOR).

HARVEST THE AUTUMN CROCUS JUST BEFORE FLOWERING. THE POISON CONTENT IS HIGHER IN THE PLANT DURING THIS TIME. CHEMICAL SUPPLY HOUSES WILL SELL COLCHICINE FOR ABOUT \$30.00 PER GRAM.

THIS POISON IS 5 TIMES AS DEADLY AS CYANIDE.

TO MAKE PURE COLCHINCINE POISON:

DRY AND GRIND UP PLANT MATERIAL INCLUDING SEEDS AND FLOWERS.

1. HEAT ONE CUP POWDERED PLANT TO 8 CUPS ETHANOL (80%).
 2. USE VACUUM FILTRATION TO REMOVE THE PLANT MATERIALS FROM THE SOLUTION. KEEP THE LIQUID EXTRACT.
 3. HEAT THE MATERIAL-LESS LIQUID IN A HOT WATER BATH TO REDUCE THE VOLUME TO 20% OF ORIGINAL AMOUNT.
 4. ADD MOLTEN WAX (ABOUT ½ THE VOLUME) TO THE HOT SOLUTION, STIR BRISKLY AND ALLOW TO COOL. THIS WILL REMOVE FATS AND TARS.
 5. FILTER TO REMOVE THE WAX AND ADD THREE TIMES ITS VOLUME OF COLD WATER. STIR BRISKLY. THIS WILL REMOVE MORE TAR.
 6. THE WATER SOLUTION IS FILTERED AND ADDED TO A SEP FUNNEL WITH AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF CHLOROFORM. SHAKE FOR SEV MINUTES.
 7. DRAIN THE LOWER WATER LAYER AND DISCARD IT.
 8. HEAT THE CHLOROFORM SOLUTION ON A HOT WATER BATH TO REMOVE ALL OF THE SOLVENT. DO THIS IN A WELL VENTED AREA.
 9. DISSOLVE THE RESIDUE IN HOT ALCOHOL AND FILTER.
 10. EVAPORATE ALCOHOL ON A HOT WATER BATH. YOU NOW HAVE POISON.
 11. DISSOLVE THE POISON IN A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF HOT ETHYL ACETATE. UPON COOLING THE COLCHICINE WILL RE-CRYSTALLIZE FROM THE SOLVENT.
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STORE THE POISON IN A DRY AIRTIGHT CONTAINER AND MAKE SURE IT STAYS OUT OF SUNLIGHT. KEEP IT COOL ALSO. REMEMBER THAT IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH TO KILL, SO DO NOT BREATHE THE DUST INTO YOUR LUNGS, IT WILL KILL YOU.

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