

SUPER WARFARIN FACT SHEET

What is super warfarin?

Super warfarin is a poison that can be found in many products to kill rats and roaches. However, it is also used very cautiously to treat patients that have heart disease. Small amounts of it are used as a blood thinner but if used too much it can cause bleeding to death.

How can you be exposed to super warfarin?

You can be exposed if you eat foods contaminated with super warfarin. If you work in an industry that makes products such as rat and roach killer, you can be exposed.

How soon does an exposed person show symptoms?

It depends on the amount, the route and the length of time of the exposure to super warfarin. Usually, an exposed person will get sick within 24 to 72 hours.

What are the immediate symptoms?

If you are exposed to a large amount of super warfarin, you will experience the following symptoms: abnormal bleeding, vomiting blood, bleeding in the mouth (gums), blood in the feces, blood in the urine and non-stop nose bleeding.

What should you do if you think you have been exposed to super warfarin?

If you think you have been exposed, move quickly to an area where fresh air is available. Remove your clothing by cutting them off the body; if possible do not pull the clothes over your head. Quickly wash your entire body with large amounts of soap and water. If your eyes are burning or your vision is blurred, rinse them with plain water for 10 to 15 minutes. If you wear contacts, wash your hands after removing contaminated clothes and then remove the contacts before rinsing your eyes.

If you wear eye glasses, remove and wash them with soap and water. You can put your eyeglasses back on after you wash them. Place your contaminated clothes and contact lenses into a plastic bag and seal. Place the bag into a second plastic bag and seal. If super warfarin has been ingested, do not drink fluids or induce vomiting. **Call 911 for medical attention right away and removal of the contaminated items. Do not drive yourself to the hospital as you may become very ill on your way.**

Where you can get more information on super warfarin?

www.bt.cdc.gov

www.dshs.state.tx.us

www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/rtkweb/rtkhsfs.htm
www.osha.gov

Source of information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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