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## Renal replacement therapy (RRT) in management of poisonings

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**Table 2.** Indications for KRT in Critically Ill Patients.\*

### Urgent indications in patients with AKI

Refractory, severe hyperkalemia†  
 Refractory, severe metabolic acidosis†  
 Refractory, severe pulmonary edema†  
 Uremic complications: pericarditis, bleeding, and encephalopathy‡

### Nonurgent indications

Persistent, severe AKI with blood urea nitrogen level >112 mg/dl, oliguria or anuria for more than 72 hr, or both§

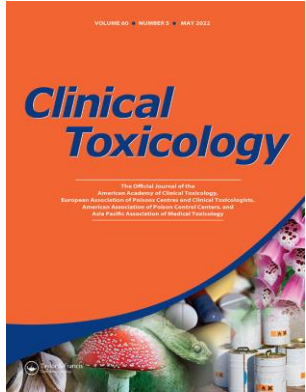
### No indications

Severe AKI (KDIGO stage 3) in the absence of complications¶  
 Sepsis in the absence of complicated AKI

Indications for RRT in the context of poisoning, apart from  
**DETOXIFICATION**, are the same as other critical states

# I

# Introduction



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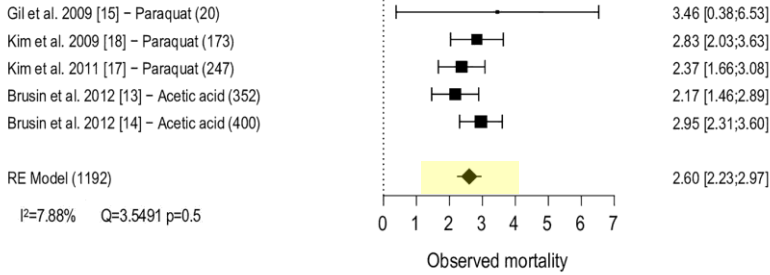
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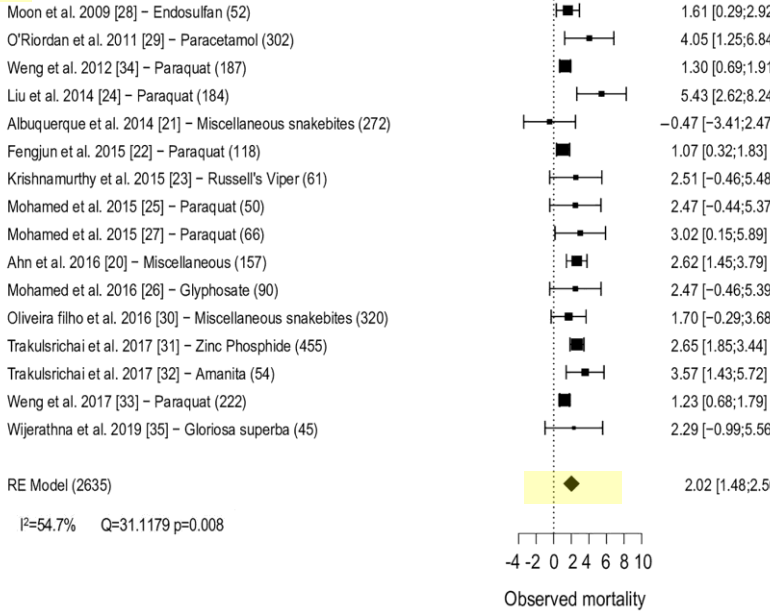
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International classifications linking AKI severity with mortality are also valid in the context of poisoning

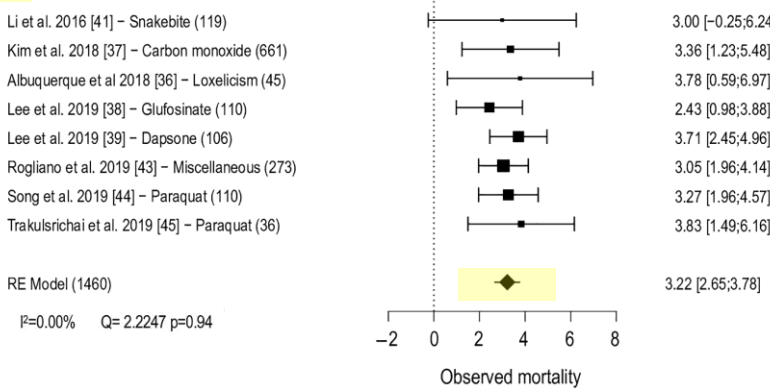
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### (B) AKIN

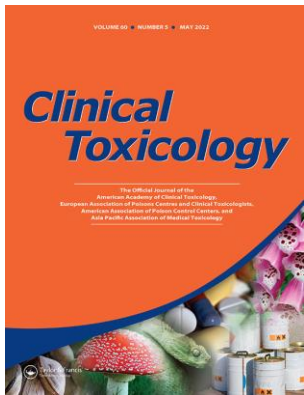


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The remainder of this presentation  
will focus on the indications for RRT, in the context of poisoning, with the  
aim of ExtraCorporeal Toxin Removal (ECTR)

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## II

# Do I need ExtraCorporeal Toxin Removal (ECTR)

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Can exposure or poisoning lead to serious complications or even death?

Patient

*40 years - 70 kg*

Medical history

*Epilepsy treated with immediate-release sodium valproate*

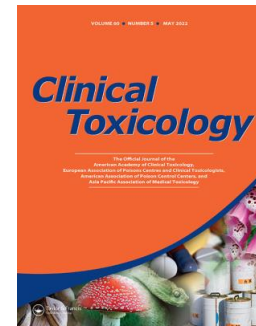
Context

*Therapeutic error with double intake of sodium Valproate (2g) 7 hours ago*

Presentation

*No symptoms*

Suspected ingested dose : 30 mg/kg



PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Valproic acid poisoning: An evidence-based consensus guideline for out-of-hospital management

*Clinical Toxicology* (2008) **46**, 661–676

No indication for extracorporeal toxin removal (ECTR)

Suspected Ingested Dose  
< 50 mg/kg  
No symptom at H+6



# II

# Do I need ExtraCorporeal Toxin Removal (ECTR)

2

Can the toxicity be prevented/reversed by administering an antidote?

**Patient**

*32 years - 72 kg*

**Medical History**

*Unknown*

**Context**

*Found on the street, a syringe at his side*

**Presentation**

*Myosis - Calm coma - Bradypnea at 11/minute*

**Opioid syndrome**



No indication for extracorporeal toxin removal (ECTR)

Oxygen therapy  
Naloxone titration and recovery after 0.2 mg

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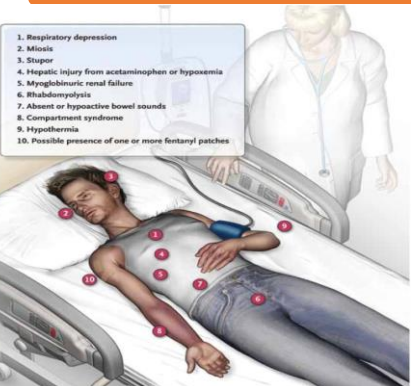
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Management of Opioid Analgesic Overdose

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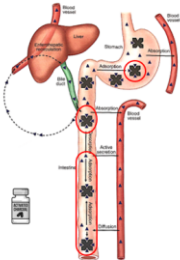
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## Activated charcoal

### II GI decontamination by activated charcoal



- Not for all exposures = presumed toxic dose
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  - Urgent endoscopy

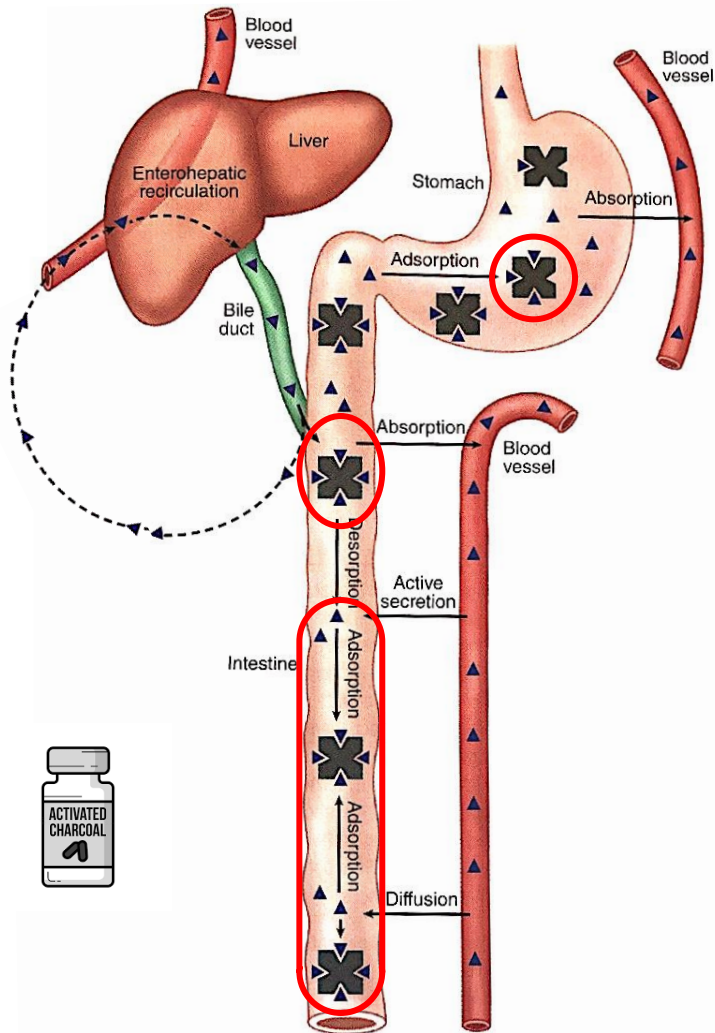
**Acute poisoning**

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Position Paper: Single-Dose Activated Charcoal

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Polyethylene glycol (PEG)

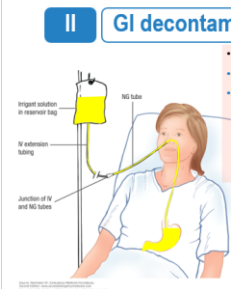
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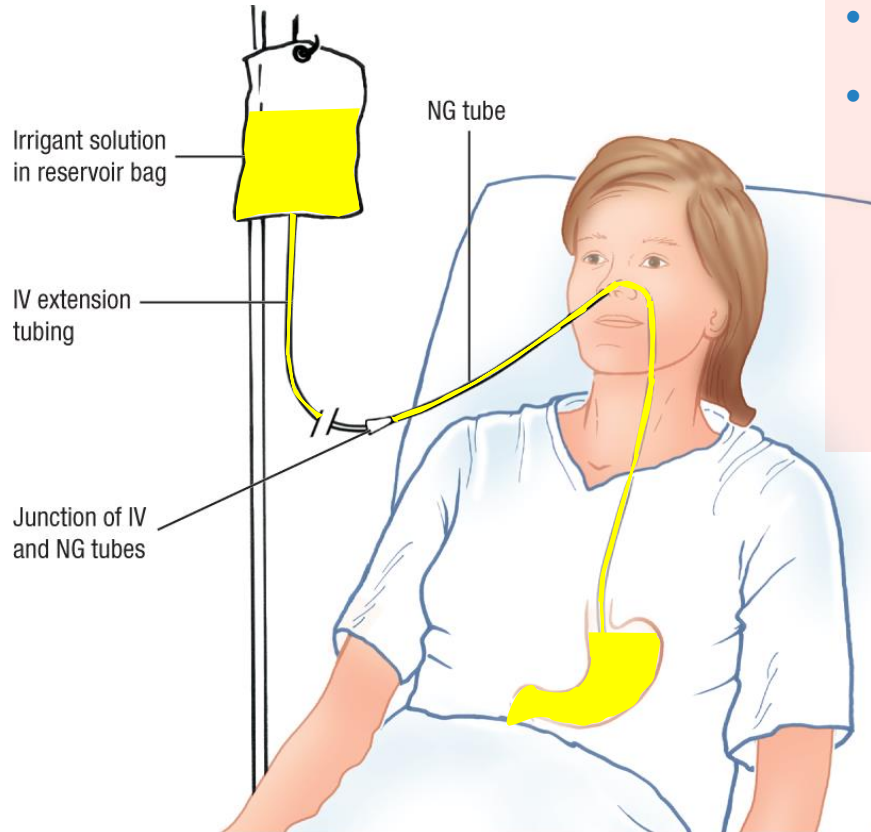
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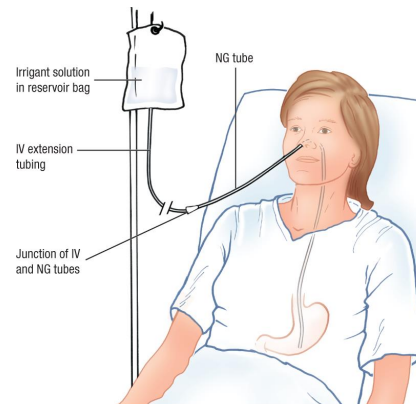
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Alkaline diuresis

Greater elimination of **salicylates** at alkaline urine pH

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Can exposure or poisoning lead to serious complications or even death?



No



No indication for extracorporeal toxin removal (ECTR)

Yes

2

Can this toxicity be prevented/reversed by administering an antidote?



Yes



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I need ExtraCorporeal Toxin Removal



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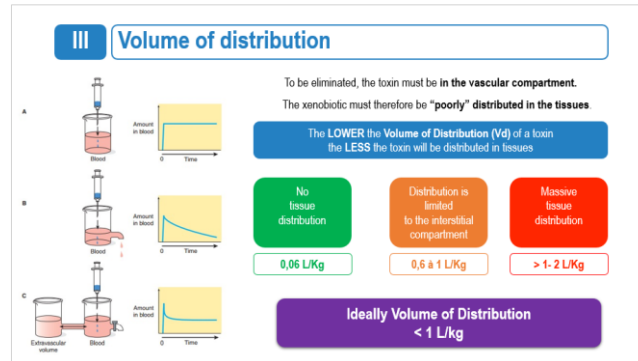
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Is the toxin theoretically eliminated by a RRT method?

## Volume of distribution



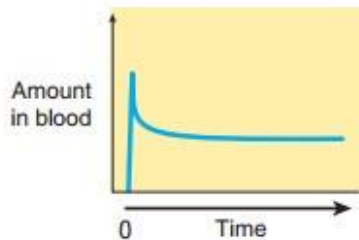
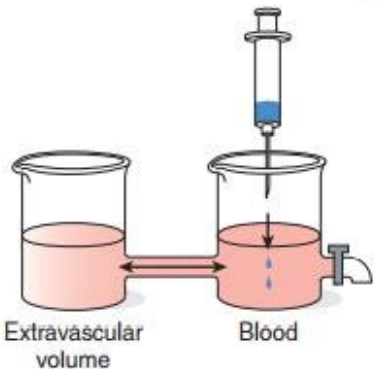
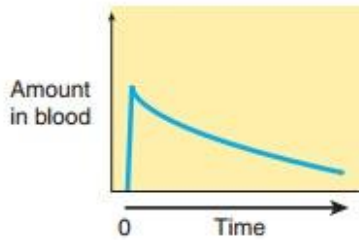
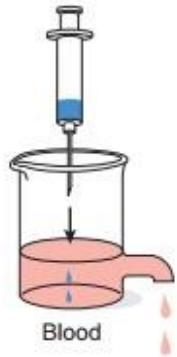
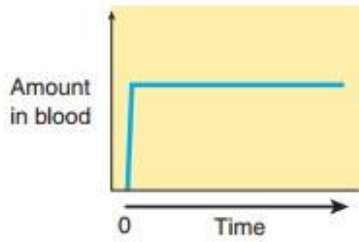
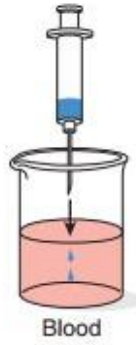
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## Volume of distribution

To be eliminated, the toxin must be **in the vascular compartment**.

The xenobiotic must therefore be **“poorly” distributed in the tissues**.

The **LOWER** the **Volume of Distribution (Vd)** of a toxin  
the **LESS** the toxin will be distributed in tissues



No  
tissue  
distribution

0,06 L/Kg

Distribution is  
limited  
to the interstitial  
compartment

0,6 à 1 L/Kg

Massive  
tissue  
distribution

> 1- 2 L/Kg

Ideally Volume of Distribution  
< 1 L/kg

# III

# Will ECTR using RRT benefit my patient?

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Is the toxin theoretically eliminated an RRT method?

## Volume de distribution

## Molecular weight

### III Le Volume de distribution

Pour être éliminé le xénobiotique doit être dans le compartiment vasculaire  
Donc le xénobiotique doit être « peu » distribué dans les tissus

Donc PLUS le Volume de Distribution (Vd) d'un xénobiotique est faible  
MOINS le xénobiotique sera distribué dans les tissus

Absence de distribution tissulaire 0,06 L/Kg	Distribution limitée au secteur interstitiel 0,6 à 1 L/Kg	Distribution tissulaire pas d'indication à une ECTR > 1- 2 L/Kg
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Idéalement Volume de Distribution < 1 L/kg

### III Molecular weight

What is the poison's molecular weight?

Theoretical

- 15,000 Da: High-flux Hemodialysis
- 15-25,000 Da: Hemofiltration
- 25-50,000 Da: HCO/CMCO hemodialysis, hemodiafiltration
- >50,000 Da: Therapeutic plasma-exchange

Observed

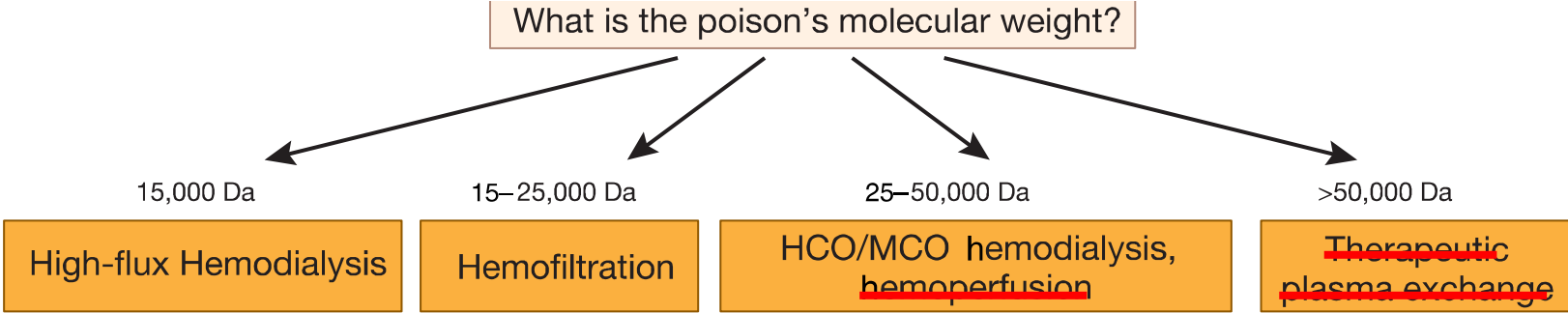
A Diffusion < 500 Da

B Convection < 4000 Da

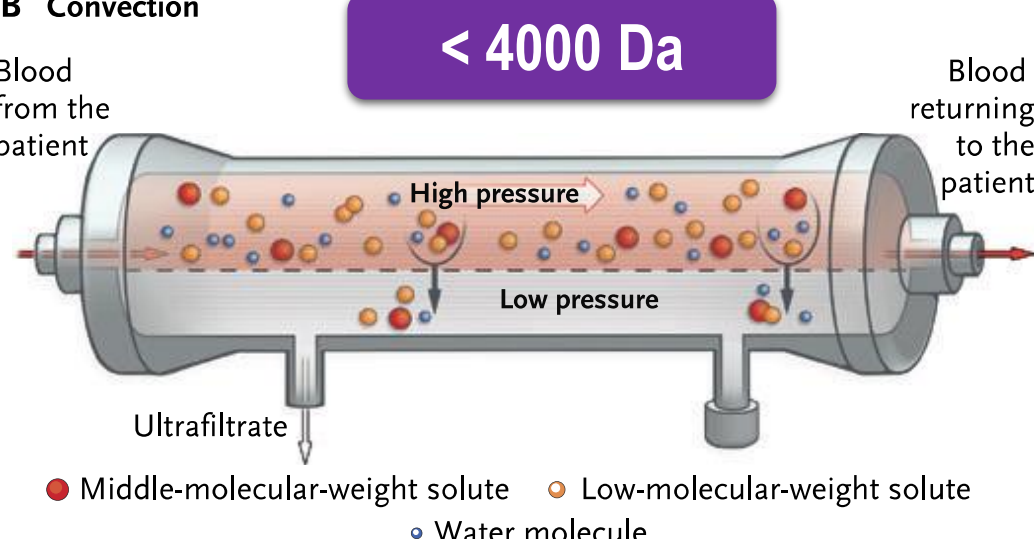
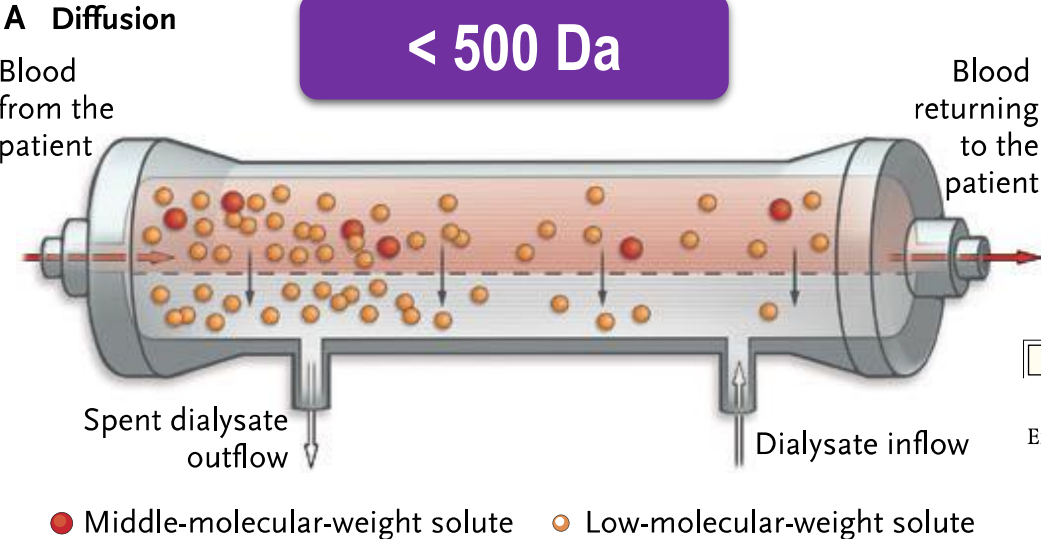
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**Observé**

**A Diffusion** **Hémodialyse** **< 500 Da**

**B Convection** **Hémofiltration** **< 4000 Da**

### III Plasma protein binding

**A Diffusion** **< 500 Da**

**B Convection** **< 4000 Da**

**Ideally plasma protein binding < 60%**

**Relative Sizes and Molecular Masses of Some Plasma Proteins**

Hemoglobin	64,500
α <sub>2</sub> -Globulin	156,000
Albumin	69,000
β <sub>2</sub> -Globulin	90,000
α <sub>1</sub> -Lipoprotein (HDL)	200,000
Fibrinogen	340,000

Legend: ● Middle-molecular-weight solute, ○ Low-molecular-weight solute, + Water molecule

# III

# Plasma protein binding

## A Diffusion

< 500 Da

Blood from the patient

Relative Sizes and Molecular Masses of Some Plasma Proteins

Spent dialysate outflow

Dialy

- Middle-molecular-weight solute
- Low-molecular-weight solute

## B Convection

< 4000 Da

Blood returning to the patient

Ideally plasma protein binding < 60%

- Middle-molecular-weight solute
- Low-molecular-weight solute
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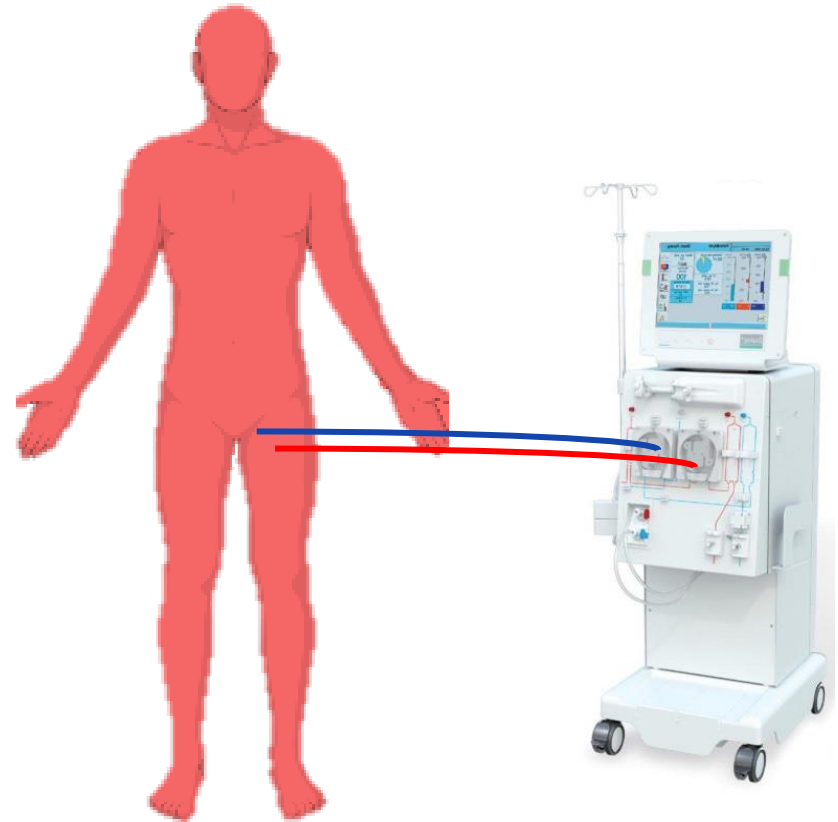
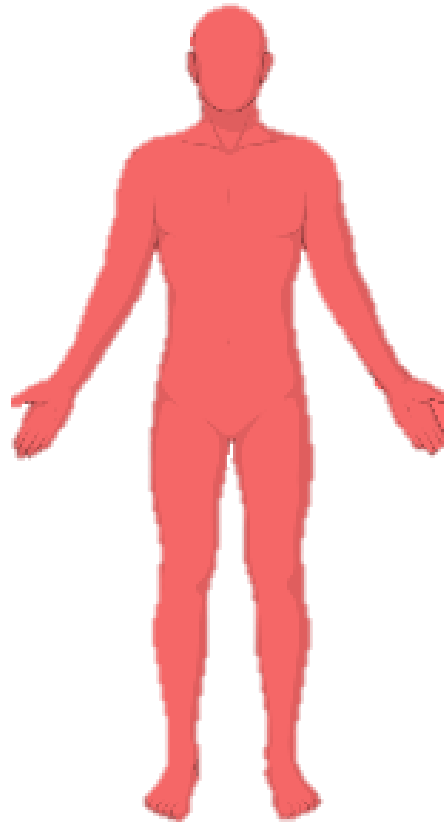


III

## Will ECTR using RRT benefit my patient?

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Is the endogenous clearance of the toxin  $< 4$  ml/min/kg?



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Metformine

Type of ECTR	ECTR Clearance (mL/min)		
	Median	Range	<i>n</i>
Endogenous (normal glomerular filtration rate, therapeutic dose)	500		
Hemodialysis	148	68–228	10

### III

## Will ECTR using RRT benefit my patient?

3

Does ECTR improve clinical symptoms and/or outcome?

Eliminating the toxin is all well and good, **but it must improve the patient's clinical condition.**

**No randomized controlled trial in clinical toxicology** = case reports / retrospective series

Not all patients will benefit = **which patients will benefit from ECTR? = what criteria = clinical? dosage? biological abnormalities?**

Lithium

Xenobiotic	MW (Da)	Vd(L/kg)	Protein Bound (%)
Lithium	6.94	0.6-0.9	0

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**Blood Purification in Toxicology:**  
Reviewing the Evidence and Providing Recommendations

**General Recommendations**

- ECTR is recommended in patients with severe Li poisoning (1D)

**Indications**

ECTR is recommended

- If kidney function is impaired and the [Li+] $>$ 4.0 mEq/L (1D)
- In the presence of a decreased level of consciousness, seizures, or life-threatening dysrhythmias irrespective of [Li+] (1D)

ECTR is suggested

- if the [Li+] $>$ 5.0 mEq/L (2D)
- If confusion is present (2D)
- If the expected time to obtain a [Li+] $<$ 1.0 mEq/L with optimal management is  $>$ 36 h (2D)

**If EXTRIP+ criteria has been strictly followed**

**Finally, 101/128 patients would have been treated with ECTR if All-EXTRIP<sub>int</sub> has been strictly followed; 22 were actually treated with ECTR**

**N=101**

	<b>ECTR +</b>	<b>ECTR -</b>
<b>N (%)</b>	<b>22 (22)</b>	<b>79 (78)</b>
<b>Severe poisoning, N (%)</b>	18 (81)	29 (36) <sup>***</sup>
<b>Death, N (%)</b>	1 (5)	3 (4)
<b>Persistent neurological impairment on ICU discharge, N (%)</b>	3 (14)	20 (26)
<b>Both, N (%)</b>	4 (19)	23 (30)
<b>Length of ICU stay, days</b>	14 [7; 21]	6 [3; 11] <sup>**</sup>

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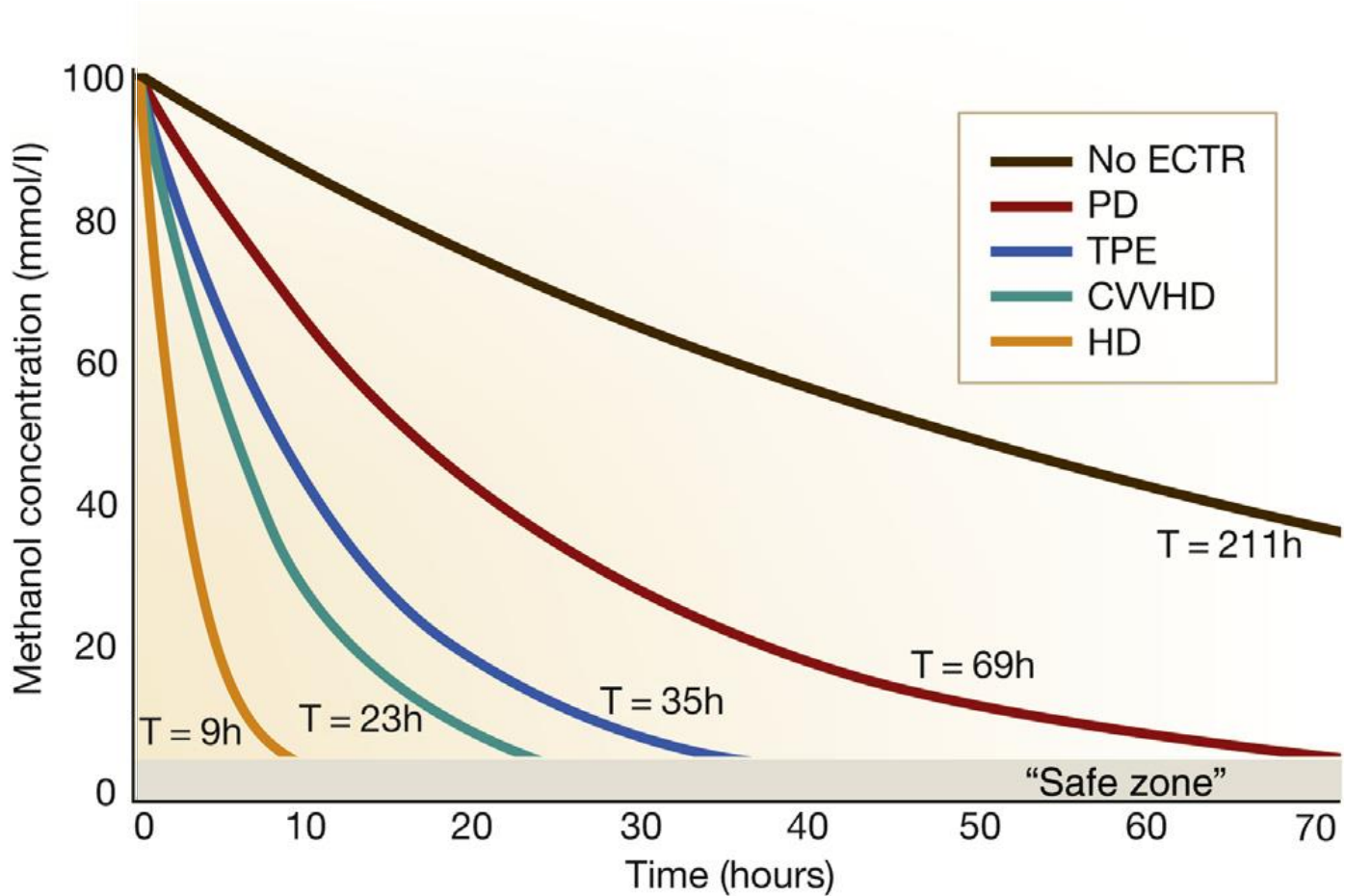
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Methanol

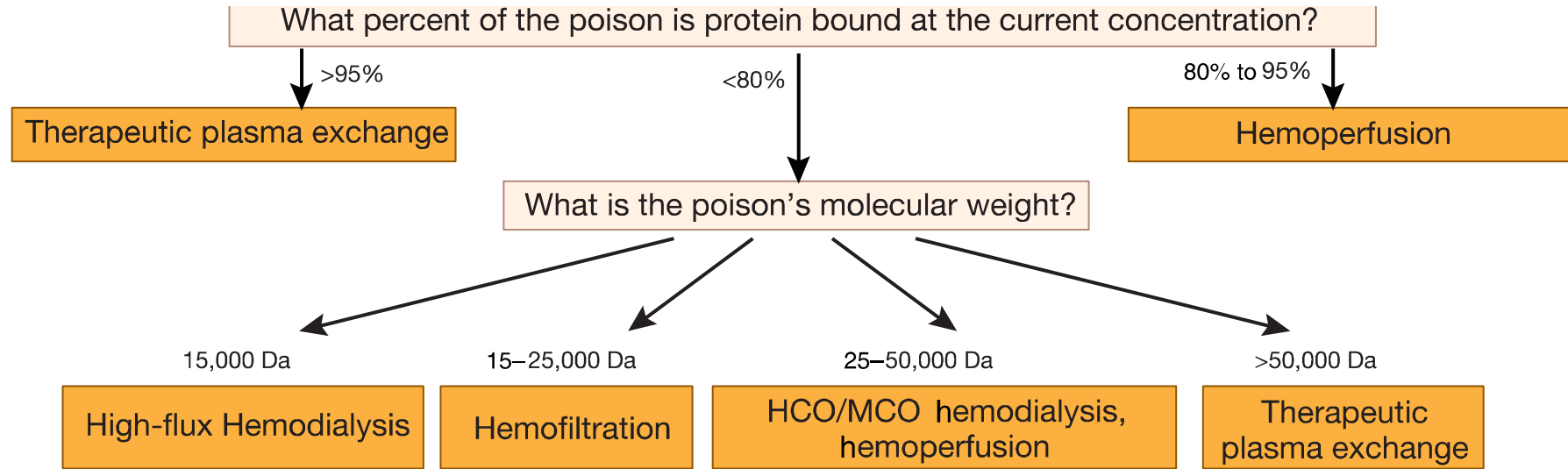
Xenobiotic	MW (Da)	Vd(L/kg)	Protein Bound (%)
Methanol <sup>23</sup>	32	0.6-0.7	0

Intermittent



# IV

## Which RRT technique(s) for ECTR?



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### Management of pharmaceutical and recreational drug poisoning

Mégarbane et al. *Ann. Intensive Care* (2020) 10:157



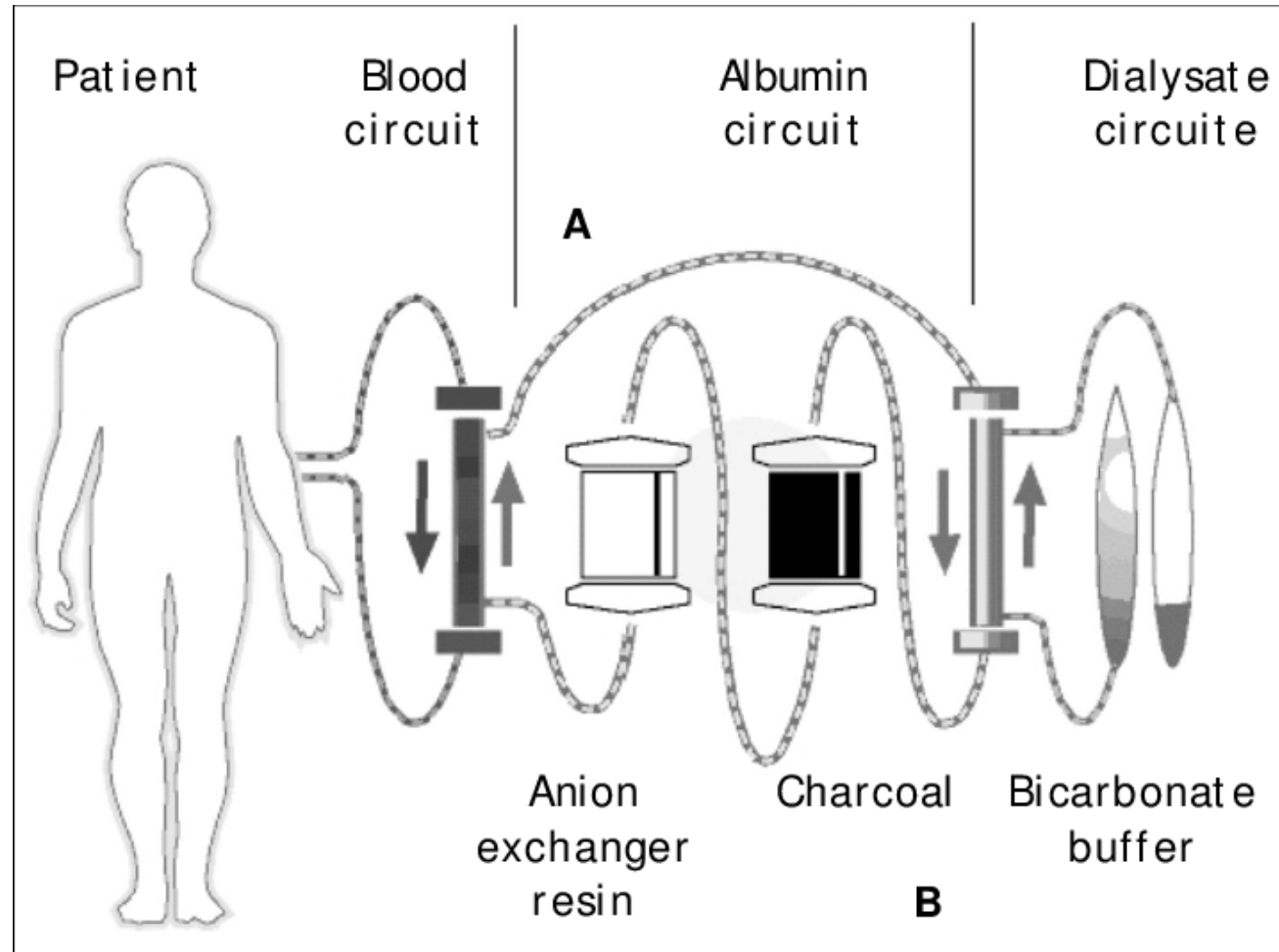
However, at the present time, **there is no scientific evidence to support the superior efficacy of these techniques** in terms of elimination of the toxin or decreased severity of the clinical features or morbidity and mortality.



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### Albumine dialysis

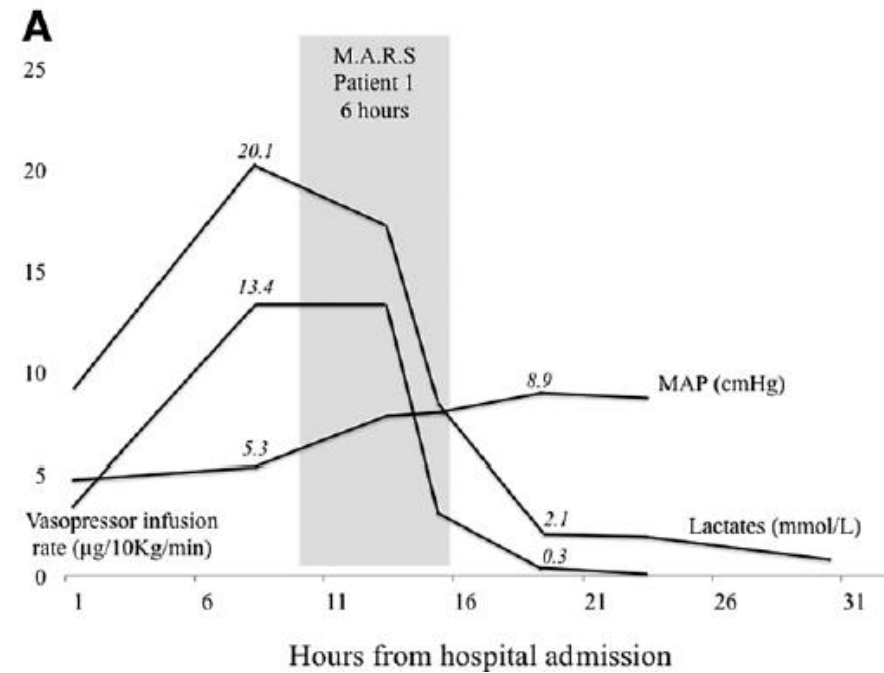
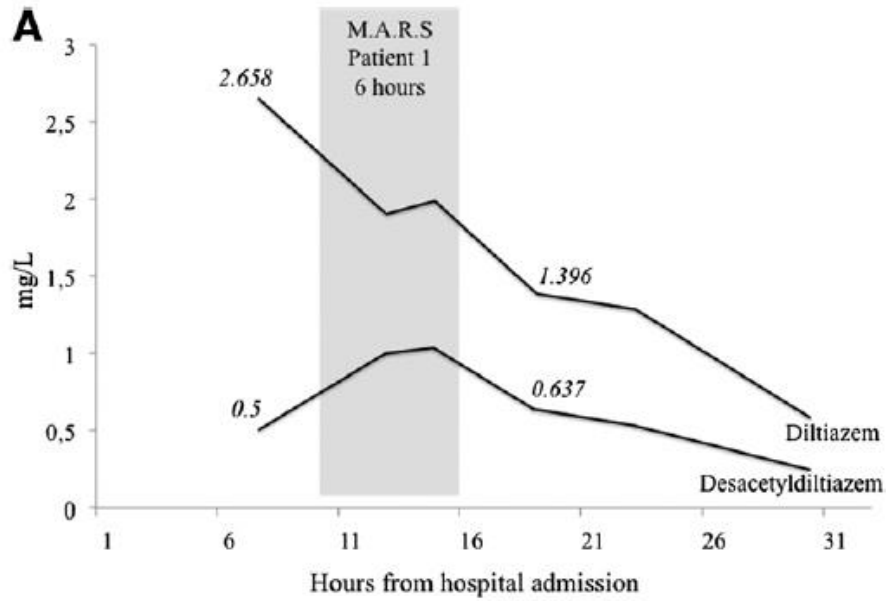


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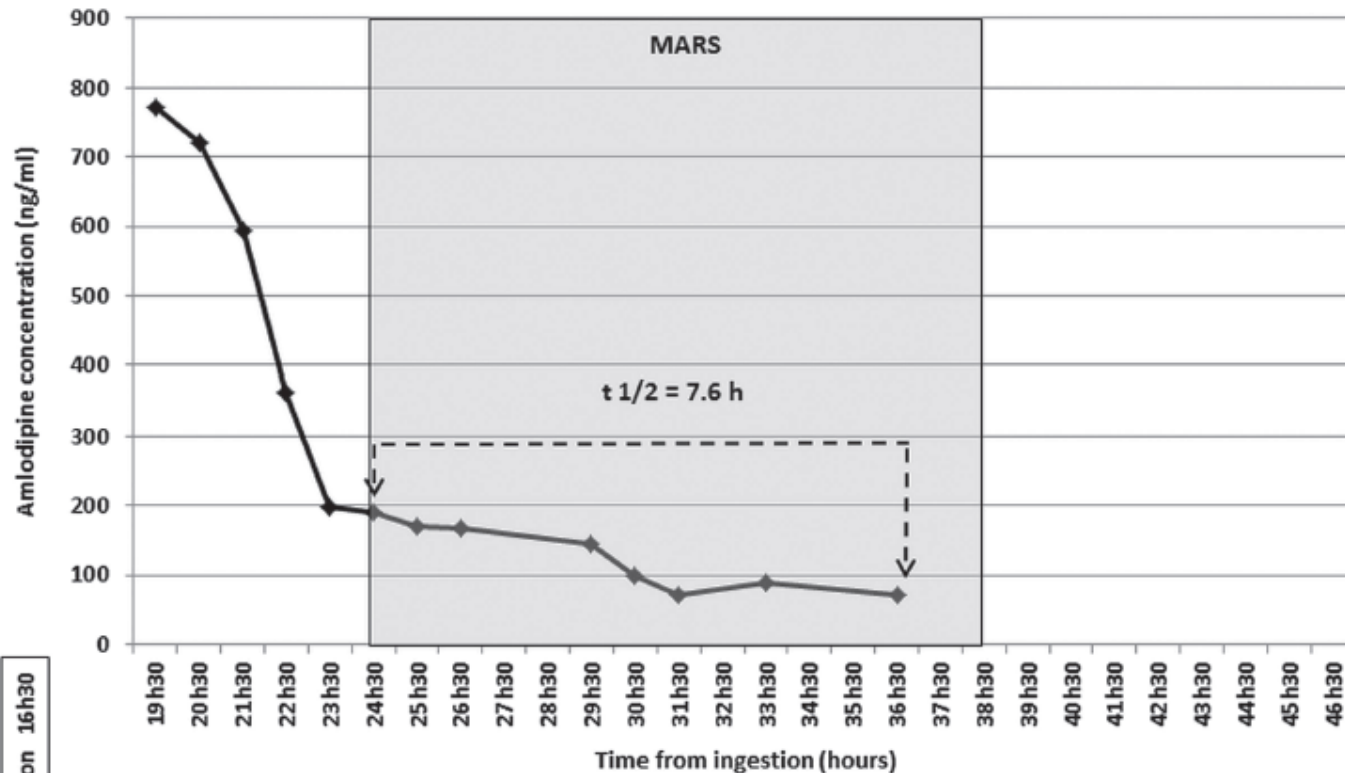
### Extracorporeal Albumin Dialysis in Three Cases of Acute Calcium Channel Blocker Poisoning With Life-Threatening Refractory Cardiogenic Shock

Nicolas Pichon, MD, Anthony Dugard, MD, Marc Clavel, MD, Jean Bernard Amiel, MD, Bruno François, MD, Philippe Vignon, MD, PhD



# IV

## Which RRT method(s) for ECTR?



Lipid emulsion 16h30

1,5 mg eliminated

1 tablet = 5 or 10 mg !



Mixed amlodipine/valsartan overdose treated by the molecular adsorbent recirculating system (MARS™)

Ludovic Gérard, Anne-Cécile Galloy, Arnaud Capron & Philippe Hantson

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## Who should be dialyzed?



Recommendations from international experts

Based on a highly rigorous methodology

Most recommendations are based  
on a low level of evidence

**All require optimal treatment prior to initiation of  
hemodialysis**

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	Clinique	Biologique	Analytique	Durée
Lithium (Li)	Coma <b>OR</b> Seizures <b>OR</b> Dysrhythmia	AKI KDIGO 2 <b>AND</b> [Li+] > 4		[Li+] < 1 mmol/l Hemodialysis duration at least 6 hours
		[Li+] > 5 mmol/l		
		Decrease in [Li+] elimination over 36 hours		
Metformine	Shock <b>OR</b> coma	Lactate > 20 mmol/L <b>OR</b> pH ≤ 7.0 <b>OR</b> AKI <b>OR</b> ALF		Lactate < 3 mmol/L <b>AND</b> pH > 7.35
Salicylates	Decrease in consciousness <b>OR</b> hypoxemia	[salicylates] > 7.2 mmol/L		Clinical improvement <b>AND</b> [salicylate] < 1.4 mmol/l <b>OR</b> Hemodialysis duration at least 6 hours
		AKI KDIGO 2 <b>AND</b> [salicylates] > 6.5 mmol/L		
		pH ≤ 7.2		
Phenobarbital	Prolonged coma <b>OR</b> Shock	[phénobarbital] stagnates or increases despite repeated administration of CA		Clinical improvement
	Respiratory depression requiring intubation			
Valproate (VPA)	Shock <b>OR</b> Cerebral oedema	pH ≤ 7.1 Hyperammonemia	[VPA] > 1300 mg/L	Clinical improvement
	Chest tube insertion for coma		[VPA] > 900 mg/L	

# VI

# Conclusion

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Do I need an ECTR?

No

No indication for extracorporeal toxic removal (ECTR)

Yes

2

Will ECTR using RRT benefit my patient?

No

No indication for extracorporeal toxic removal (ECTR)

Yes

Intermittent hemodialysis is always recommended as first-line treatment

6 xenobiotics for which hemodialysis may be indicated

- Lithium
- Phenobarbital
- Salicylates
- Valproate
- Theophylline
- Metformine



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