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DISODIUM PYROPHOSPHATE

disodium hydroxy-(hydroxy-oxido-phosphoryl)oxy-oxido-oxo-phosphorane

CASRN: 7758-16-9 - *For other data, click on the Table of Contents*

Human Health Effects: Skin, Eye and Respiratory Irritations: An irritant to skin, eyes, and mucous membranes. [Lewis, R.J. Sax's Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials. 9th ed. Volumes 1-3. New York, NY: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1996., p. 1426]**PEER REVIEWED**

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Life Support:

- o This overview assumes that basic life support measures have been instituted.

Clinical Effects:

0.2.1 SUMMARY OF EXPOSURE

0.2.1.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) The most frequently seen effect following ingestion or rectal administration is gastrointestinal irritation. If a significant amount of phosphate is absorbed, hyperphosphatemia, hypocalcemia and hypomagnesemia may occur.
- B) Fluid and electrolyte abnormalities have been reported

following exposure by oral, rectal, and intravenous routes.

- C) Severe hyperphosphatemia and hypocalcemia may result in tetany, seizures, bradycardia, prolonged QT interval, dysrhythmias, coma, and cardiac arrest. Severe dehydration, hypernatremia, hypotension, metabolic acidosis and tachycardia may also develop.
- D) The elderly, young children, and patients with renal insufficiency are at increased risk of toxicity.

0.2.3 VITAL SIGNS

0.2.5 CARDIOVASCULAR

0.2.5.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) Tachycardia, bradycardia, heart block, EKG changes, and cardiac arrest have been reported secondary to electrolyte abnormalities.
- B) Excessive absorption of sodium may aggravate congestive heart failure.
- C) Hypotension secondary to dehydration may occur.

0.2.6 RESPIRATORY

0.2.6.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) Hyperventilation may occur secondary to hypocalcemia.

0.2.7 NEUROLOGIC

0.2.7.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) Coma, seizures, and tetany have been reported secondary to electrolyte abnormalities.

0.2.8 GASTROINTESTINAL

0.2.8.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhea are common, leading to dehydration.

0.2.10 GENITOURINARY

0.2.10.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) A mild diuresis may be noted following excessive absorption of these compounds.
- B) Acute renal failure in association with electrolyte imbalances was reported following therapeutic oral administration of a phosphosoda solution.

0.2.11 ACID-BASE

0.2.11.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) Metabolic acidosis is a frequent occurrence following administration of hypertonic phosphate enema solutions.

0.2.12 FLUID-ELECTROLYTE

0.2.12.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) Hyperphosphatemia, hypocalcemia, and tetany have occurred following overdose with a phosphate-containing laxative and following recommended doses in patients with renal insufficiency.
- B) Fluid and electrolyte abnormalities (dehydration and hypokalemia) may be noted secondary to excessive diarrhea.

0.2.15 MUSCULOSKELETAL

0.2.15.1 ACUTE EXPOSURE

- A) Carpopedal spasm is a common presenting sign in inorganic phosphate poisoning and associated hypocalcemia.

0.2.20 REPRODUCTIVE HAZARDS

- A) At the time of this review, no data were available to assess the potential effects of exposure to this agent during pregnancy or lactation.

Laboratory:

- A) Monitor fluid and electrolyte status, including serum phosphate, calcium, potassium, sodium and magnesium concentrations.
- B) Obtain an ECG and institute continuous cardiac monitoring.

Treatment Overview:

0.4.2 ORAL EXPOSURE

- A) EMESIS: Ipecac-induced emesis is not recommended because of the potential for CNS depression, seizures and cardiovascular instability.
- B) GASTRIC LAVAGE: Consider after ingestion of a potentially life-threatening amount of poison if it can be performed soon after ingestion (generally within 1 hour). Protect airway by placement in Trendelenburg and left lateral decubitus position or by endotracheal

intubation. Control any seizures first.

- 1) **CONTRAINDICATIONS:** Loss of airway protective reflexes or decreased level of consciousness in unintubated patients; following ingestion of corrosives; hydrocarbons (high aspiration potential); patients at risk of hemorrhage or gastrointestinal perforation; and trivial or non-toxic ingestion.
- C) Hydrate with 0.9% or 0.45% saline as clinically indicated. Correct hypocalcemia, hypomagnesemia, hypernatremia, and hyper or hypokalemia. Monitor urine output.
- D) **CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE** patients with an excessive sodium load and normal renal function may be managed with a diuretic such as furosemide (1 mg/kg IV to a maximum of 40 mg).
- E) **SEIZURES:** Administer a benzodiazepine IV; **DIAZEPAM** (ADULT: 5 to 10 mg, repeat every 10 to 15 min as needed. CHILD: 0.2 to 0.5 mg/kg, repeat every 5 min as needed) or **LORAZEPAM** (ADULT: 2 to 4 mg; CHILD: 0.05 to 0.1 mg/kg).
 - 1) Consider phenobarbital or propofol if seizures recur after diazepam 30 mg (adults) or 10 mg (children > 5 years).
 - 2) Monitor for hypotension, dysrhythmias, respiratory depression, and need for endotracheal intubation. Evaluate for hypoglycemia, electrolyte disturbances, hypoxia.
- F) **HYPOTENSION:** Infuse 10 to 20 mL/kg isotonic fluid. If hypotension persists, administer dopamine (5 to 20 mcg/kg/min) or norepinephrine (ADULT: begin infusion at 0.5 to 1 mcg/min; CHILD: begin infusion at 0.1 mcg/kg/min); titrate to desired response.
- G) **ATROPINE:** ADULT DOSE: **BRADYCARDIA:** 0.5 to 1 mg IV every 5 min. **ASYSTOLE:** 1 mg IV every 5 min. Maximum total dose 3 mg or 0.04 mg/kg. Minimum single dose 0.5 mg. **PEDIATRIC DOSE:** 0.02 mg/kg IV repeat every 5 min, minimum single dose 0.1 mg; maximum single dose child

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