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Neurotoxicity

Neurotoxicity occurs when exposure to natural or artificial toxic substances, which are called neurotoxins, alters the normal activity of the nervous system in such a way as to cause damage to nervous tissue. This can eventually disrupt or even kill neurons, key cells that transmit and process signals in the brain and other parts of the nervous system.

Neurotoxicity can result from exposure to substances used in chemotherapy, radiation treatment, drug therapies, certain drug abuse, and organ transplants, as well as exposure to heavy metals, certain foods and food additives, pesticides, industrial and/or cleaning solvents, cosmetics, and some naturally occurring substances.

Symptoms may appear immediately after exposure or be delayed.

see Neurotoxicity syndrome

Studies mainly in animal (rodent and porcine) ICH models have shown the role of bound and unbound iron in causing neurotoxicity following an ICH.

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