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Poisoning in Elderly

Abstract:

Poisoning constitutes a major cause of emergency department visits globally. With an increase in new household chemical supplies, cleaning agents and disinfectants, pesticides and fertilizers, drugs and pharmaceuticals, the cases of poisonings are being increasingly encountered. Although elderly patients account for a small fraction of total poison exposures, but, when exposed they have a high risk for mortality because of existing co-morbidities and age-related physiological changes in renal and hepatic functions. Thus, elderly people represent a special group in the

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