Mercury Toxicity

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Mercury comes under the class of metallic poisons. At room temperature the metal is in liquid form. Although

Metallic mercury is not poisonous , but it causes poisoning when inhaled in its vapour form , swallowed or rubbed

into skin. The toxicity of mercury depends on its chemical form and route of exposure. It affects the immune system

,alter genetic and enzyme systems, and damage the nervous system etc. Clinical features of mercury poisoning

along with differential diagnosis have been presented. The pre-hospital, hospital and post hospital management will help

in providing the proper care to the patient along with the treatment.