

## Toxicology Rotation – Drug & Poison Information Center

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### Location

BC Drug and Poison Information Center (DPIC)

St. Paul's Hospital – Vancouver, BC

DPIC provides telephone poison information and toxicology consultation service to health care professionals and the general public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Poison Center is staffed by pharmacists, nurses and consulting physicians.

### Goal

The goal of the 1 week rotation is for the resident to become familiar with the role of a poison control centre and develop a basic understanding of the general management of the poisoned patient.

### Objectives

Upon completion of the 1 week toxicology rotation, the resident should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to use reference resources available to retrieve toxicological information.
2. Demonstrate the ability to discuss the toxicology, pathophysiology and therapy of common toxins.
3. Demonstrate the ability to obtain a pertinent history regarding a poisoning exposure.
4. Demonstrate skills necessary to evaluate the potential severity of a toxic exposure.