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Angel's trumpet intoxication: A case report

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Datura is a genus of nine species of poisonous vespertine flowering plants belonging to the family Solanaceae. They are commonly known as daturas, but also known as devil's trumpets. Ingestion of the said plant will result in toxicity that causes neurologic symptoms that will mimic certain diseases. April of 2017, a young adult patient was hospitalized because of unintentional *Datura stramonium* (Angel's Trumpet) ingestion. His records were reviewed for the presence of signs and symptoms of toxicity, clinical course, treatment and outcome. The patient had an altered level of consciousness measured by the Glasgow Coma Scale, visual hallucinations, dilated pupils and agitation. The changes in mental status are characteristic of delirium. The patient was known to have tried marijuana before. The average length of hospitalization was two days. No serious complications were encountered during hospitalization and a full recovery was noted to the patient. The use of sedation and restraints were sufficient treatment modalities of the patient. Health care workers should consider anticholinergic plant ingestion as a cause for the abrupt onset of delirium and other changes of mental status.

Biography

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