Toxicology Case Conference: Ethical Dilemmas
August 25, 2022
1:30 – 2:30 pm
Location: Zoom (meeting details below)

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Objectives: To discuss the ethical dilemmas in intentionally poisoned patients

**Cases for Discussion:**

1. 40 year old female ingested alprazolam, venlafaxine and ethylene glycol in a suicide attempt. She was unresponsive and intubated on arrival to the Emergency Department. Initial laboratory findings in the ED reveal: pH < 7.0; pCO2 40. Ethylene glycol returned (several hours later) at 309 mg/dL. Her family wishes to stop care due to grim prognosis.
2. 33-year-old female who presents to the hospital with fatigue, severe pelvic pain, and urinary retention. She has a current hx of severe IV opioid use disorder. She is diagnosed with advanced cervical cancer. She has a complicated course, including her pain and addiction management, and her post discharge follow up is further complicated by a lack of providers comfortable providing opioid pain medication in a patient at risk for opioid abuse and overdose.

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