

## Addictions & Overdoses

### Tylenol

#### Information on the effects of Tylenol: # 116

##### Tylenol Overdose:

Linda was a recently unemployed 24 year-old office manager whose common-law husband had abruptly moved out of their apartment. After drinking two bottles of wine, **she swallowed 30-40 tablets of extra-strength (500mg) acetaminophen**. The next morning, after the effects of the alcohol had worn off, she showed up at the emergency department of the local hospital. Her stomach was not pumped because it had been so long since she took the pills. Her acetaminophen blood level was at 150 micrograms per milliliter ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) - enough to damage the liver if left untreated - and her initial liver enzyme profile was already showing mild abnormalities. A dose of NAC (Nacetyl-cysteine) treatment was given immediately and continued every four hours for the next three days. Oral charcoal was also used on the first day. Her liver enzyme abnormalities worsened over the first forty-eight hours but were finally reversed and returned to normal. Although suffering from nausea and cramps during her hospital stay, she was glad to be alive. After being cleared by the psychiatric consultant, she was sent home

## Addictions to Medications and the Effects

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