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Pearls for the Practitioner

Topic: New York City Poison Control Resources

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For those of you who were unable to attend the May 6th New York City Veterinary Medical Association meeting, you missed a great speaker! Robert Hoffman, MD, Director of the New York City Poison Control Center (NYCPCC) gave an enlightening presentation on the intersection between human and animal poisoning. The highlights of his talk are listed below.

Although the NYC Poison Control Staff is not trained in management of animal poisonings, they can provide information to augment the lifesaving information provided by the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Presentation Highlights:

- The NYC Poison Control Center (212-Poisons) can be an additional valuable resource for NYC veterinarians and their patients. It is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Translation services are also available for those who do not speak English.
- The NYC Poison Control Center can help veterinarians identify human medications consumed by pets and can help determine if these medications will be toxic to pets. NYCPCC can also identify the composition of individual pills by color, description and serial number.
- The NYC Poison Control Center has international contacts which can help veterinarians to identify potentially toxic substances brought into NYC from other countries by pet owners.

- Dr. Hoffman presented interesting and potentially lifesaving information regarding the use of 20% intravenous lipid solution (Intralipid, which The AMC has in stock) as an antidote to toxicity from lipid soluble compounds. Intralipid is most commonly used as a component of total parental nutrition solutions. Most interesting to veterinarians is a case summary of the use of lipid solution to treat ivermectin toxicosis in a dog. Further information can be found at www.lipidrescue.org.

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