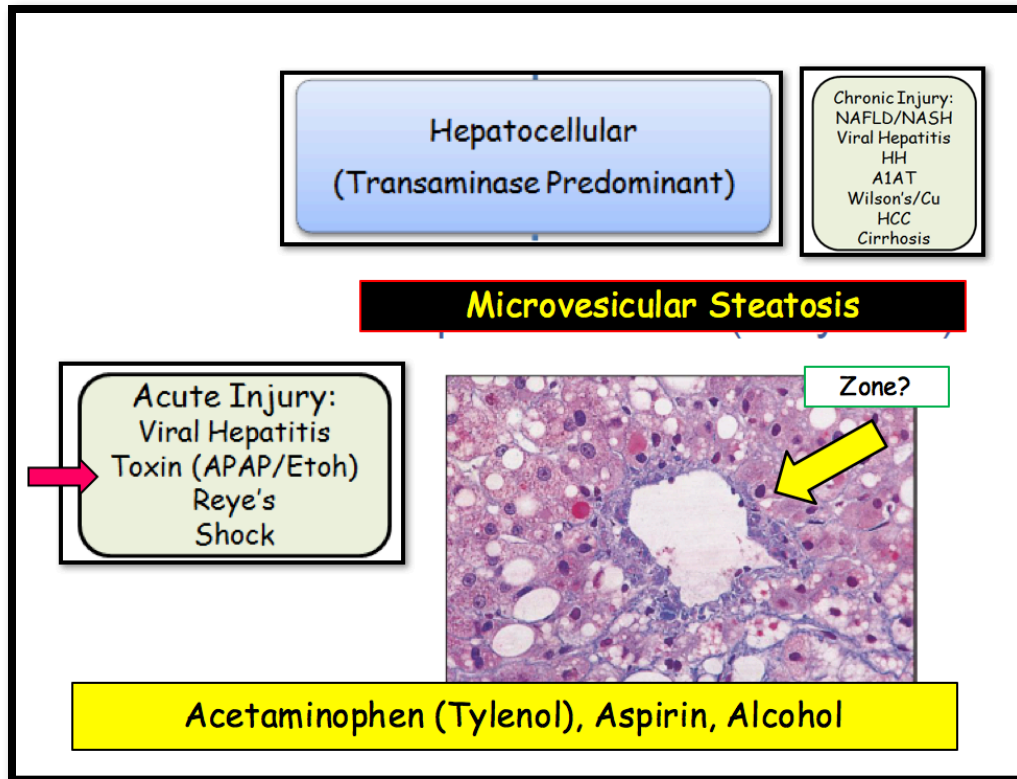


Podcast (Video Recorded Lecture Series):
Microvesicular Steatosis (Part I) for the USMLE Step One Exam



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Conjugated
Hyperbilirubinemia

Extrahepatic
Biliary Obstruction

Intrahepatic
Cholestasis

Hepatocellular
(Transaminase Predominant)

✓
Stones
Tumors

✓
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Primary Biliary Cirrhosis
Sclerosing Cholangitis

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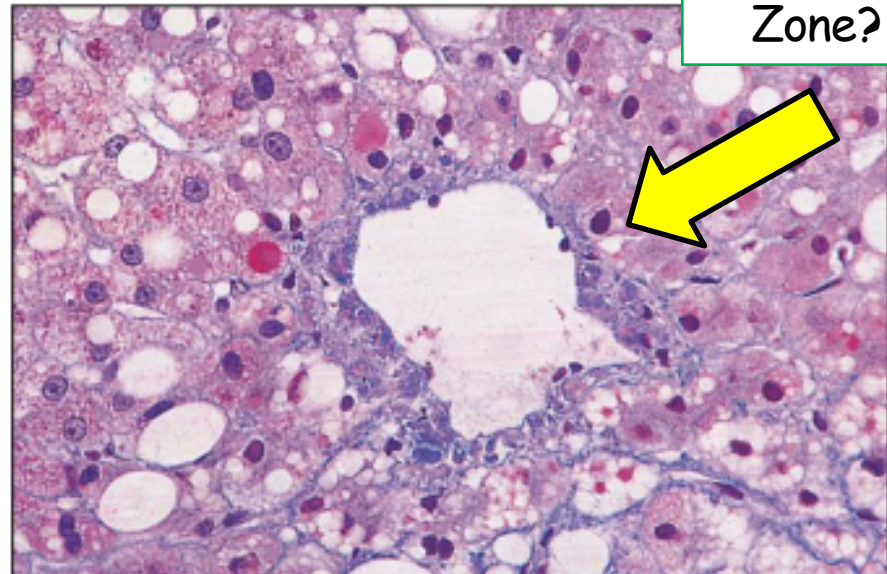
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Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Aspirin, Alcohol

Today's Top Headlines - Tylenol to have new warning label



Taking too much of this pain reliever can cause severe liver damage.

"Acetaminophen overdose is one of the most common poisonings worldwide," according to the National Institutes of Health.

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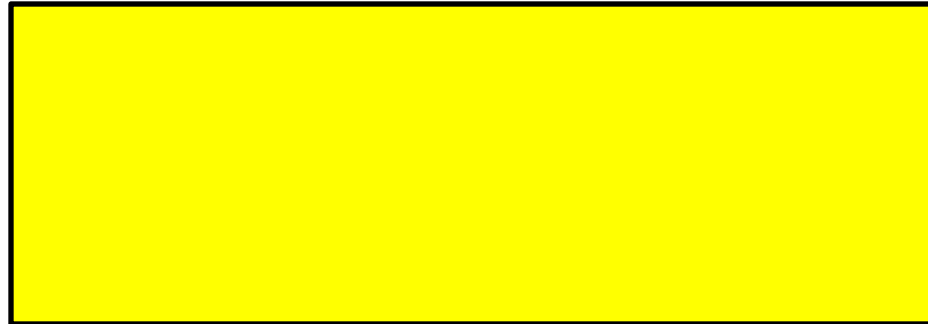
Toxic Metabolite

Pathologic Lesion

Treatment

Which of the following mechanisms contribute most greatly to hepatocellular injury and **centrilobular necrosis** seen in acetaminophen toxicity?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



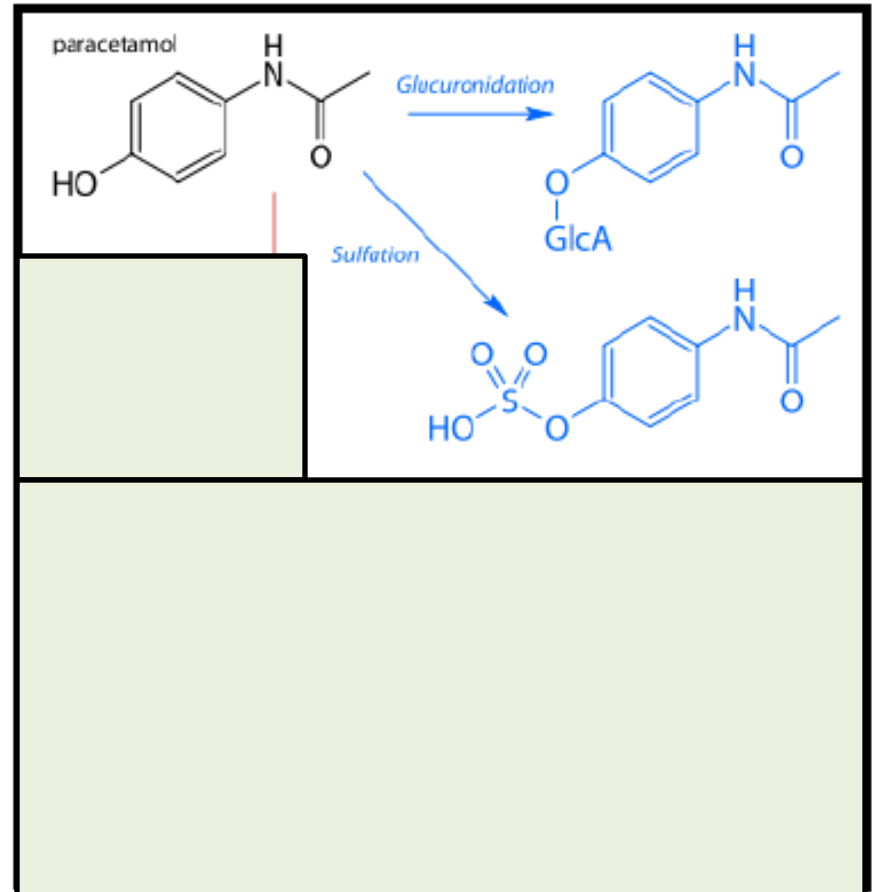
Vignettes:

Patient OD, chronic pain (combination APAP/opioid)
Fulminant HF: $\uparrow\uparrow$ ALT/AST, \uparrow **Prothrombin time**/bilirubin

Acetaminophen Metabolism

Normal Metabolic Pathway

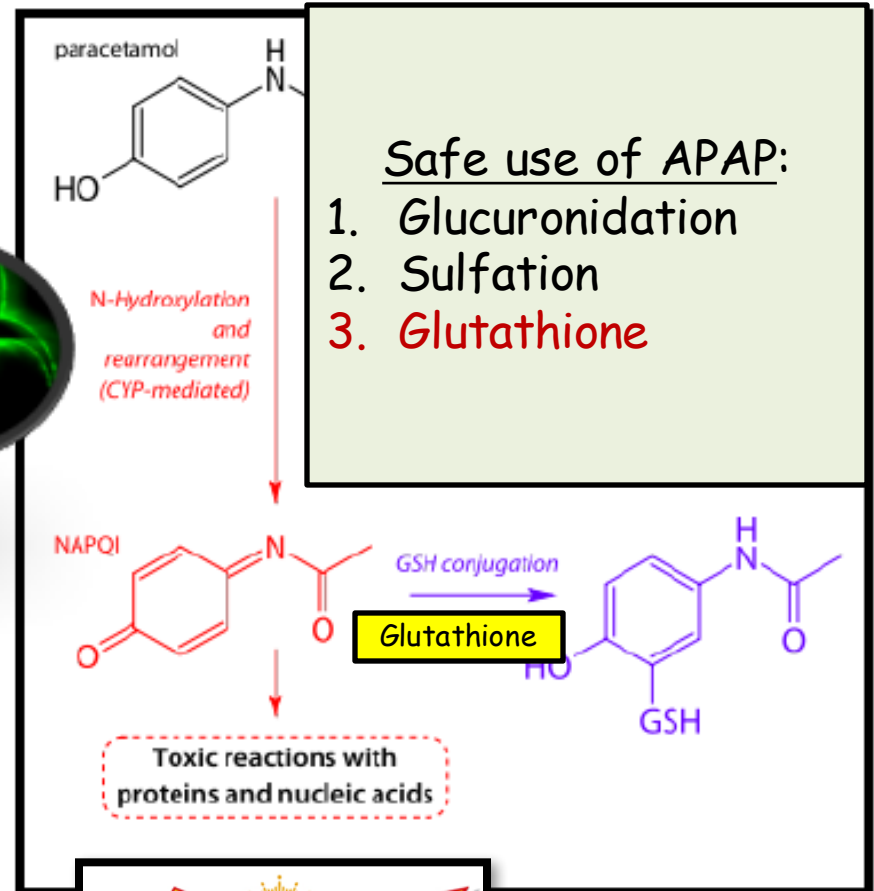
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Acetaminophen Toxicity

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Safe use of APAP:

1. Glucuronidation
2. Sulfation
3. **Glutathione**

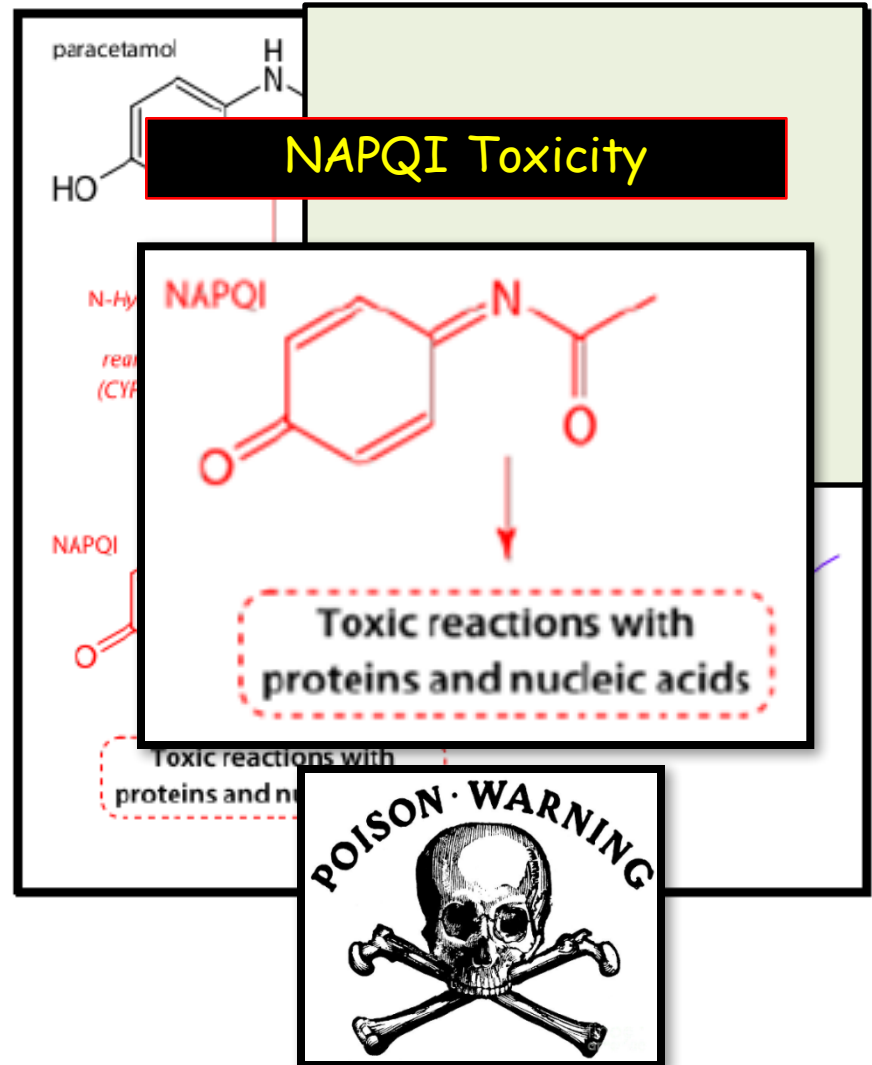
Etoh: upregulates P450 →
↑ metabolic product (NAPQI)

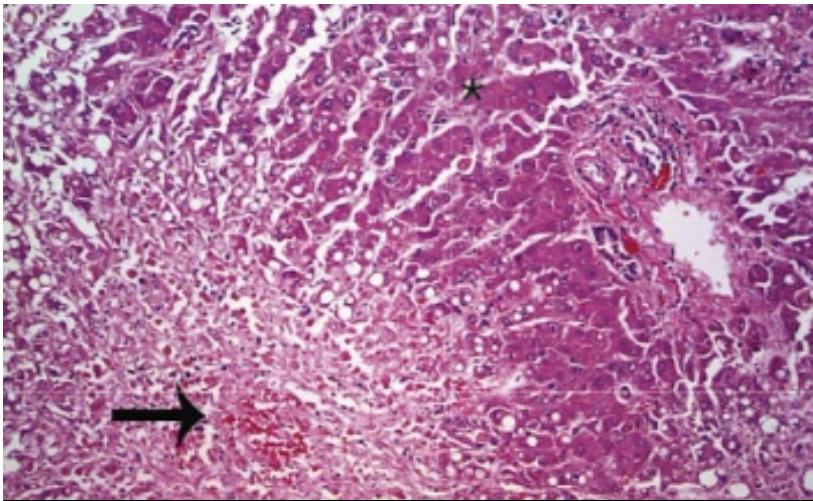


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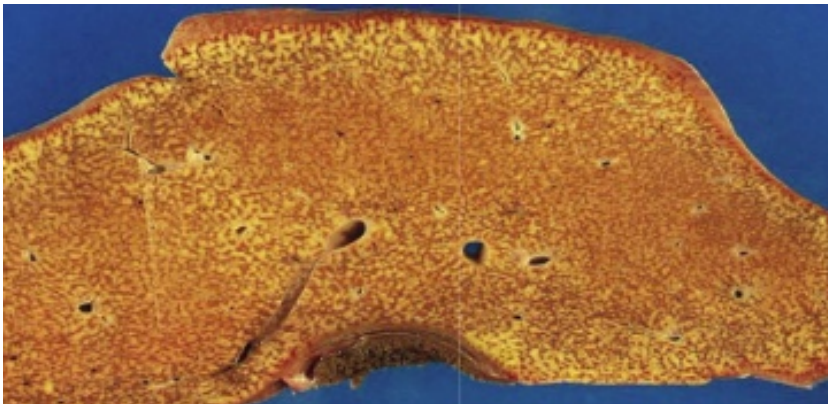
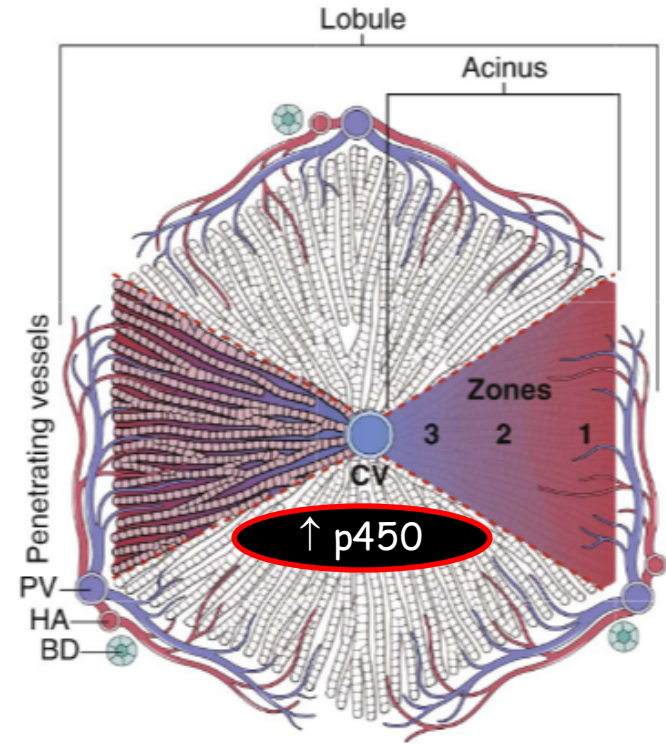
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Once Glutathione is Depleted?





Centrilobular necrosis
(zone 3; around central vein)



Shrunken liver from massive necrosis



With toxicity, sulfation and glucuronide conjugation are saturated.
Glutathione is depleted.

NAPQI → hepatocellular injury and centrilobular necrosis.

Treatment: N-acetylcysteine (NAC)

NAC acts as a **glutathione substitute** binding the toxic metabolite (NAPQI).

It also provides sulfhydryl groups to enhance non-toxic sulfation elimination of APAP.

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hepatotoxin

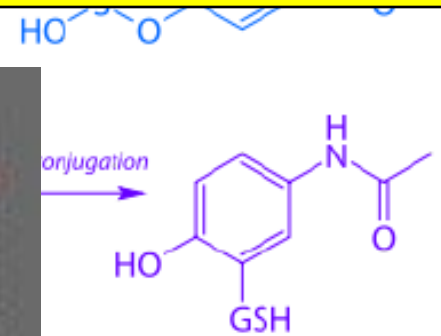
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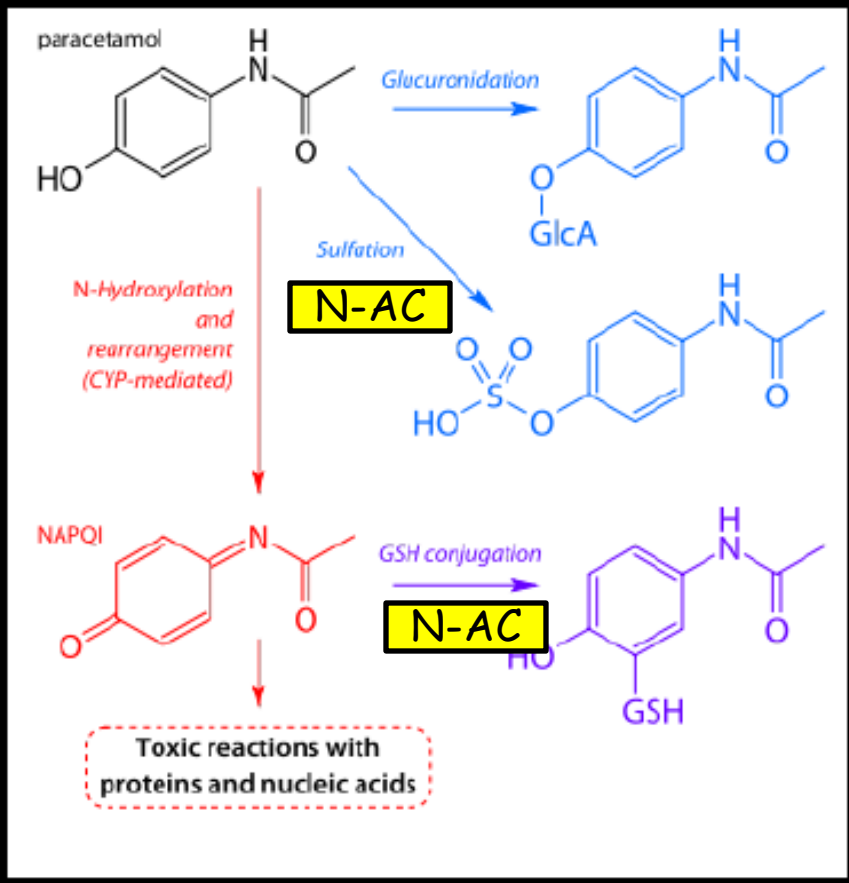
Hydroxylation and Etoh are bad



NAPQI Toxic

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Glucuronidation and Sulfation are good



Glutathione is good (salvage)

NAC is a glutathione wannabe

Taking too much of this pain reliever can cause severe liver damage.

Mechanism: normal = glucuronidation/sulfation

Toxic Metabolite: NAPQI, inactivated by glutathione;
GSH depleted w/ alcohol and toxic doses

Pathologic Lesion: **centrilobular necrosis**/steatosis;
Zone III (relatively hypoxic)

Treatment: **N-acetylcysteine** GSH substitute.



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**4,023,000 TV home impressions per week for
Orange Flavored BAYER® Aspirin for Children**

Maybe you've already seen this star...

Any problem with this ad?

Drug Facts

Active ingredients (in each caplet)

Aspirin 81 mg (NSAID)*Pain reliever
Calcium carbonate 777 mg.....Buffer

*nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug

Purposes

Uses

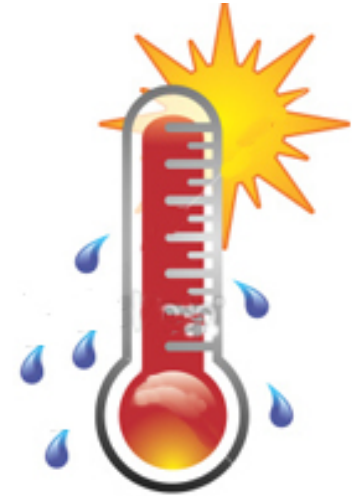
- for the temporary relief of minor aches and pains or as recommended by your doctor.
- ~~ask your doctor about other uses for Bayer Women's 81 mg Aspirin~~

Warnings

Reye's syndrome: Children and teenagers who have or are recovering from chicken pox or flu-like symptoms should not use this product. When using this product, if changes in behavior with nausea and vomiting occur, consult a doctor because these symptoms could be an early sign of Reye's syndrome, a rare but serious illness.

Chicken pox or flu-like illness...

Varicella: febrile with generalized vesicular rash in different stages of development...



Reye's Syndrome

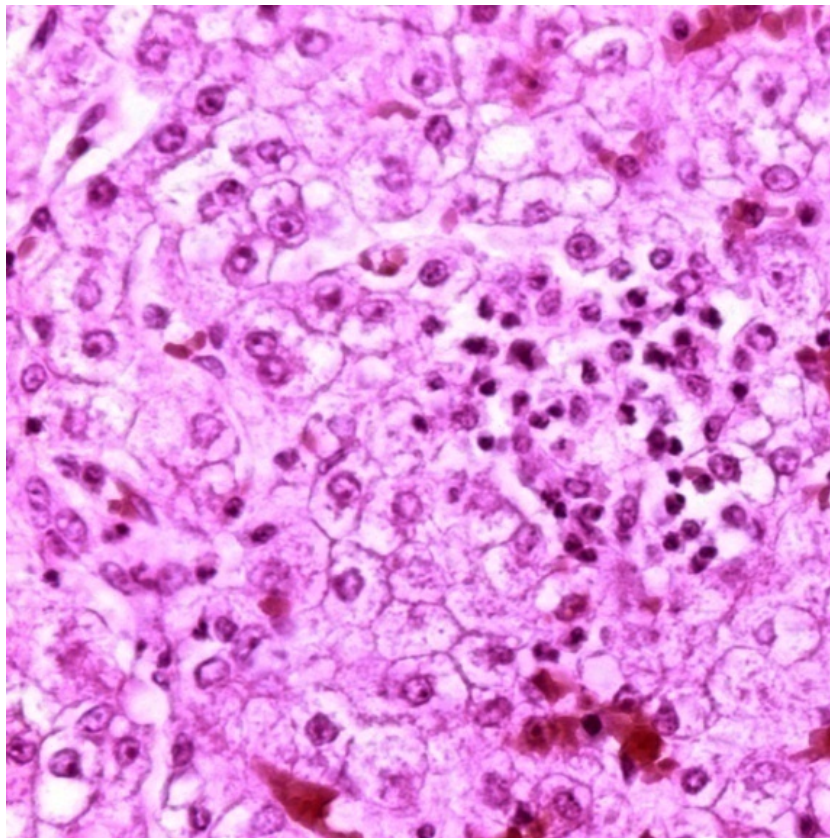


Table 2. Reye's Syndrome
Clinical Staging System

MILD-MODERATE	
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SEVERE	
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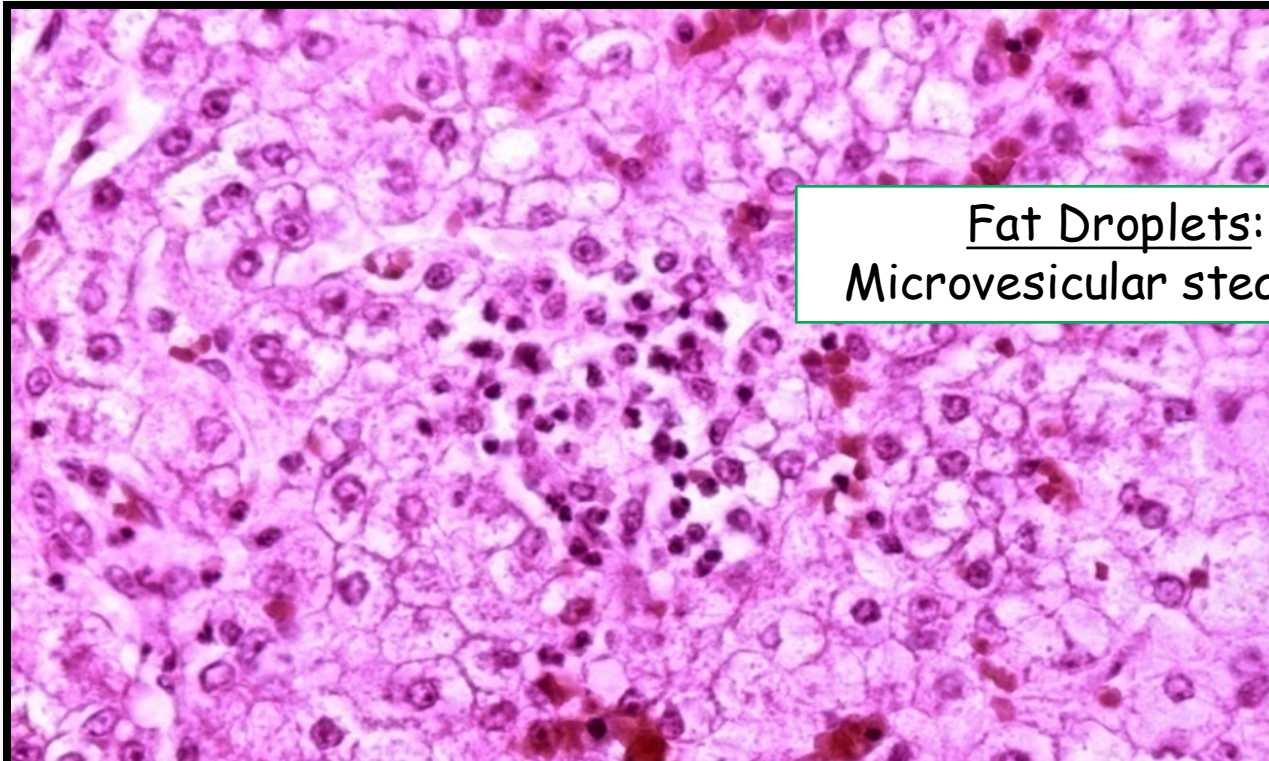
ASA → Liver → Encephalopathy

Hepato-

-Encephalopathy



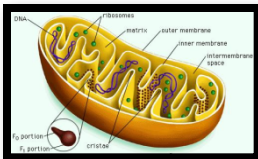
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Fat Droplets:
Microvesicular steatosis



Mitochondrial toxin: FFA and free radicals



Hepatocytes are pale-staining due to **intracellular fat droplets**



Hepato-

-Encephalopathy

Kid develops flu-like illness.

Elevated temp and whining.

'Father gives kid the same analgesic he uses for secondary coronary prevention.'

Over 36-48 hrs, kid becomes *listless & confused*.

Parents bring child to ER your first night on call...

They never say acetaminophen.
They never say ASA



Reye's Syndrome

- Background
 - Characterized by acute **noninflammatory** **hepato-encephalopathy**.
 - Unknown etiology but typically occurs after **a viral illness** (URI, Flu, Varicella) AND is associated with the use of **aspirin** during the illness.
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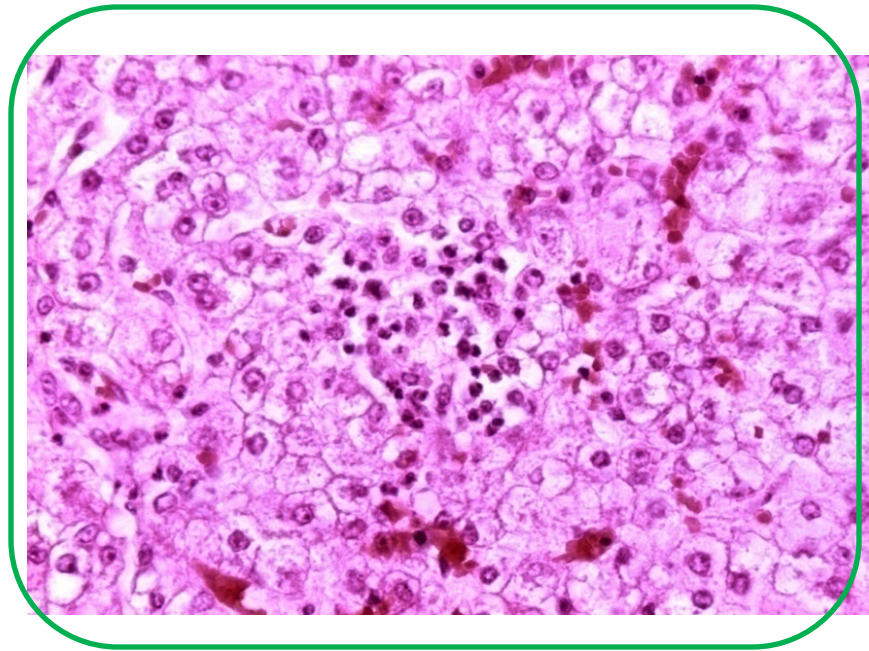
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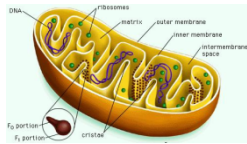
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- Diagnosis:
 - Transaminase elevation (mitochondrial toxin: $AST > ALT$)
 - Elevated serum **NH₃**
 - **Liver bx:** microvesicular fatty change, non-inflammatory

Reye's Syndrome:

- Acute **noninflammatory** encephalopathy with an altered level of consciousness
- Hepatic dysfunction with a liver biopsy showing **fatty metamorphosis** or a more than 3-fold increase in alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), and/or **ammonia levels**
- No other explanation for cerebral edema or hepatic abnormality
- CSF with 8 or fewer WBCs**
- Brain biopsy: cerebral edema without inflammation



Hepatocytes are pale-staining due to intracellular fat droplets



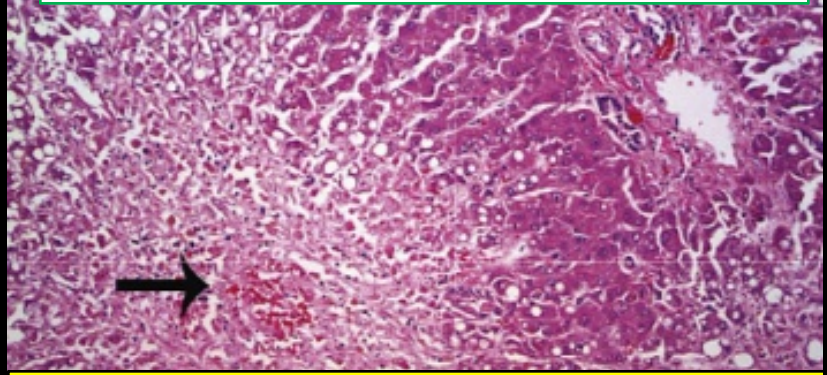
Pathophysiology



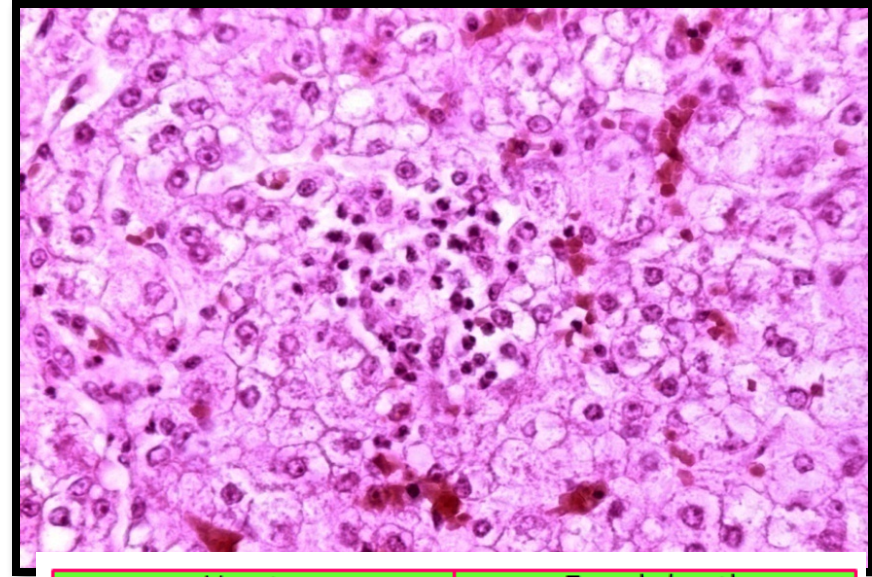
The pathogenesis is unclear, but it appears to involve **mitochondrial dysfunction** that inhibits oxidative phosphorylation and fatty-acid β -oxidation in a virus-infected host.

The host has usually been exposed to mitochondrial toxins, most commonly salicylates (aspirin) in greater than 80% of cases.

Just Say No
NAPQI is not nice



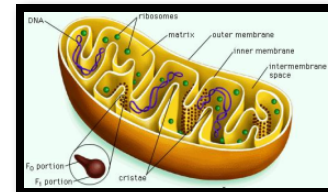
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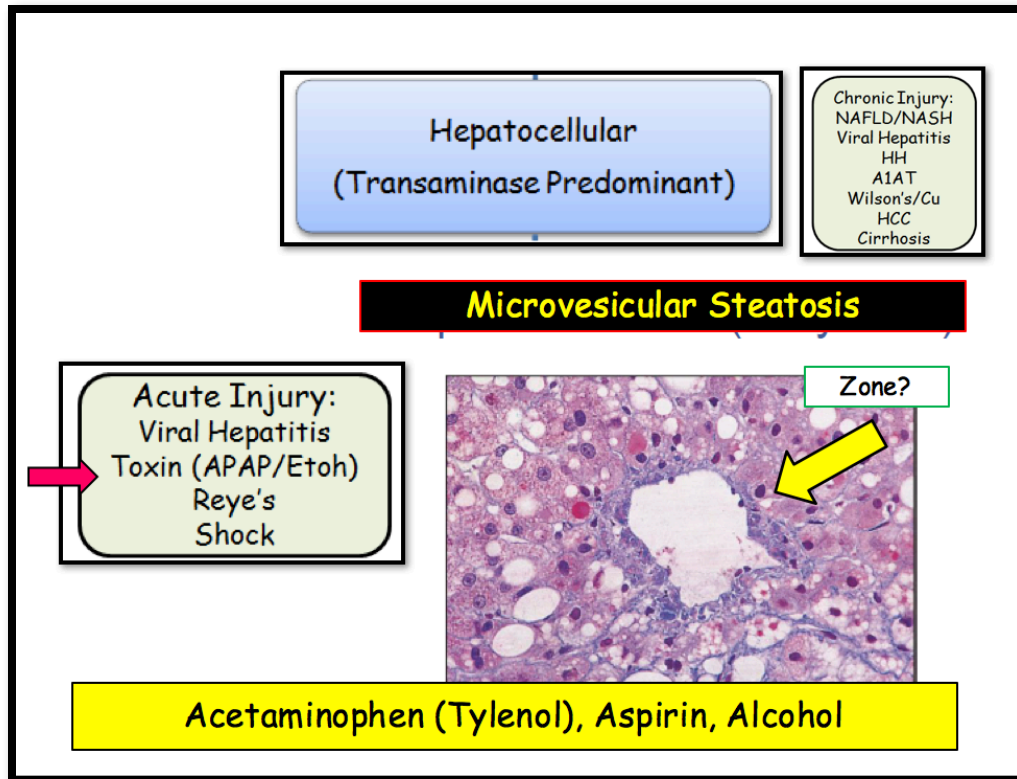
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