

# Methanol toxicity can result from occupational exposure

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(HealthDay)—Methanol toxicity can occur as a consequence of

occupational exposure, according to a research letter published online March 5 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Michael Beattie, D.O., from the Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan, and colleagues describe the case of a 42-year-old man presenting to the [emergency department](#) with flank pain and headache. The patient described one day of nausea, multiple emesis episodes, and blurred vision resulting in bilateral vision loss. He had started a new job at a propane company six weeks earlier and began having [memory lapses](#) and atypical behaviors two weeks after starting the new job.

The researchers note that the patient developed cyanosis, [respiratory distress](#), and seizure-like activity. Severe metabolic acidosis was identified in laboratory studies, with pH

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