

SUMMARY

Agent	Ricin
Indications of Ricin Exposure	Ricin intoxication should be considered in any cluster of patients with acute, unexplained, pulmonary injury or GI bleeding
Possible Means of Exposure	Inhalation, ingestion, injection, dermal
Incubation	2 hours to 3 days
Primary Symptoms of Inhalational Ricin Intoxication	Fever, chest tightness, cough, dyspnea, nausea, arthralgias, increasingly severe breathing difficulties
Diagnostic Tool of Choice	ELISA (serum and respiratory secretions)
Treatment	Supportive
Post-Exposure Prophylaxis	Under development
Vaccine	Under development