

Toxicity — *Very toxic*. Aconite is poisonous and should not be used without medical advice. Overdose should be avoided as there is no sure antidote. One mg of aconitine is said to have killed a horse, 2 mg may kill a human. The poison aconitine can be absorbed through the skin. Symptoms include intense nausea, emesis, and diarrhea, muscular spasms and weakness, weak pulse, respiratory paralysis, convulsions, and death.

To the physician — Hardin and Arena recommend gastric lavage or emesis followed by 2 mg atropine injected subcutaneously; maintain blood pressure and artificial respiration.³⁴