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MYTH-BUSTING COTTON FEVER



WHAT IS IT?

Cotton Fever is an illness that happens to some people after they administer drugs intravenously with a needle. Many people believe Cotton Fever is caused by particles of actual cotton that get into the drug mixture and enter the blood stream, but this is NOT the cause! Many people who get Cotton Fever filter their drug mixture through cotton to remove particles that are not water-soluble, but you can also get it while using an alternate filter.

CAUSES

MOST COMMON

Endotoxin expelled from the bacteria *Pantoea agglomerans*, which colonizes the cotton plant before it is processed, enters the blood stream when cotton is used to filter.

BOTH WAYS

Foreign contaminant enters the bloodstream, causing infection (AKA sepsis)

ANOTHER WAY

Materials like syringes, meant for one-time use, may develop growth of bacteria or mold —these pathogens enter the blood stream when the materials are reused.



SYMPTOMS

● fever that can reach 104 & the chills

● nausea & vomiting

● muscle & joint pain head ache, abdominal pain

● sharp or burning pain in the back & kidney area

● elevated heart rate

● labored or rapid Breathing

WHAT YOU CAN DO

01

Seek treatment for drug abuse and addiction. The ultimate cause of Cotton Fever is the injection of drugs intravenously, often a resort of someone deep in the throes of addiction. There are people who want to help, here's a hotline: 866-578-7471.

02

To alleviate symptoms like fever and help the illness run its course, you can take warm baths, drink a lot of water, and take anti-inflammatory fever reducers like Ibuprofen or Aspirin.

03

Symptoms should subside on their own in about 24 hours. If they persist for longer, seek medical attention at urgent care or an emergency room. Antibiotics may be required.

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Learning Objectives: Reported is a case of cotton fever, manifesting as acute febrile illness after injection of illicit drugs through a cotton filter. Several theories Cotton fever is a benign, self-limited febrile syndrome characterized by fevers, leukocytosis, myalgias, nausea and vomiting, occurring in injection drug users who filter their drug suspensions through cotton balls.. Hemoglobin SC disease, "cotton fever," esophageal hemorrhage, and more.. AbstractBackground: Cotton fever is a febrile syndrome occurring after intravenous drug injection. Although its clinical presentation is well Two patients presented to the emergency department with acute onset of fever and myalgia after injecting heroin reclaimed from previously used cotton filters.. We are documenting a case of cotton fever. Case Description: A 30- year-old male with a history of IV drug abuse, was transferred to our medical Cotton fever is a self-limited phenomenon that occurs in IV drug users. •. Colloquially known to IV drug users, cotton shooting can cause cotton Listen to this episode from Real Recovery Talk on Spotify. Cotton Fever is the name of a condition that is caused by bacteria getting into the blood and creating Cotton fever is street terminology for the post-injection fever experienced by many drug users after "shooting up" with heroin reclaimed from a previously used "Cotton fever" is a normally benign syndrome that may occur in intravenous drug users who have filtered their drug through cotton before injecting it. It is felt to be Cotton fever is usually a benign febrile, leukocytic syndrome of unknown etiology seen in intravenous narcotic abusers. Cotton and cotton plants are heavily col.. Cotton fever refers to the transient elevation in temperature within minutes after injection of drug filtered through cotton, or after shooting the cottons. Symptoms Winning Abstracts from the 2012 Medical Student Abstract Competition: Cotton Fever in Injection Drug Users; Contrasting Medical Obscurity and Colloquial "Cotton fever" is described as a self-limiting illness following "cotton shooting," the practice of injecting residual drugs extracted from previously "Cotton fever" is a normally benign syndrome that may occur in intravenous drug users who have filtered their drug through cotton before injecting it. It is felt to be Cotton fever is a febrile syndrome occurring after intravenous drug injection. Although its clinical presentation is well described in Below, we provide information about HIV, hepatitis A, B, and C, "cotton fever", and infective endocarditis, along with concrete steps that individuals can take to Many IV drug abusers refer to this as "cotton fever." Cotton fever hits a user 15 to 30 minutes after injection, with symptoms typically subsiding in Cotton fever is a benign, self-limited febrile syndrome characterized by fevers, leukocytosis, myalgias, nausea and vomiting, occurring in injection drug users who "Cotton fever" is a normally benign syndrome that may occur in intravenous drug users who have filtered their drug through cotton before injecting it. It is felt to be ... f559db6386

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