Federal Update: New CDC Study Finds Increase of E-Cigarette Related Poisonings
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On April 3, 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a study that found a dramatic increase in the number of e-cigarette related calls to poison centers. E-cigarette related calls now account for 41.7% of combined monthly e-cigarette and cigarette exposure calls to poison centers, a large increase from the 0.3% they accounted for in September 2010.

These poisonings resulted from exposure to e-cigarettes liquid by ingestion (68.9%), inhalation (16.8%) or absorption through the skin or eyes (5.9%). These calls were almost 20% more likely to report adverse health effects such as vomiting, nausea and eye irritation than calls regarding exposure to traditional cigarettes. The study also found that more than half of these poisonings involved children 5 years and under while over 40% involved persons over the age of 20.

To see the American Lung Association’s press release, click here.

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