

GHB and related analogues – Monday 21 June 2021

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the pharmacology of gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) and its analogues gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (1,4BD)
- Understand the symptoms and management associated with acute GHB and related analogue toxicity
- Understand the features and management of GHB and related analogue toxicity dependence and associated withdrawal

