

The following is a blurb of my exposure to RoundUp March 29th, 2007:

I was exposed by the City of Oakland with the permission of Noel Gallo to spray the median that I had called and asked them not to spray because the median was both adopted and currently being worked on by volunteers beautifying the median. A blue-green dye was used. Neighbors were told that a 2% solution of RoundUp was used, which is meaningless as far as our safety goes, since any effective concentration for killing plants is highly toxic to humans. I know this from first-hand experience, which I learned the hard way from rinsing the blue green dyed locations of the spraying off the soil to prevent drift of the toxic pesticide to nearby neighbors and to immediately begin whatever possible remediation of the soil was possible in order to plant that fall.

My symptoms from this March 29th exposure included specifically, terrible neurological upset, confusion, memory problems and odd rages that lasted about three weeks during mid-terms. I had to miss a day or two of college classes, which is very unlike me and I rarely get sick from anything.

My skin began to tighten all over my body, especially on my chest and I began to bleed from under my ears and in the skin on penis and in other locations of my groin. It was spring and summer and I was using moisturizer with zero relief in symptoms. These skin changes lasted most intensely for at least 3 months and was off again, on again for another 3 months. A benign mole (about <.5 cm) changed a month after exposure and started to change shape and color and grow slightly on my right breast. I was keeping an eye on it, but after about 10 months-12 months this mole with changes disappeared completely.

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