

## Shellfish Poisoning Symptoms Dichotomous Key

1a. Patient noticed symptoms within minutes or within hours.....	2
1b. It took more than 18 hours or days to notice symptoms.....	3
2a. Patient was a healthy adult.....	3
2b. Patient was immunocompromised or a child.....	5
3a. Symptoms did not include diarrhea or abdominal pain.....	4
3b. Symptoms included diarrhea and nausea pain.....	9
4a. Patient experienced short term memory loss and dizziness.....	5
4b. Hot and cold sensations felt reversed to patient.....	6
5a. Headache, confusion, and disorientation occurred .....	7
5b. No dizziness, confusion, or disorientation occurred.....	6
6a. Loss of limb function occurred.....	7
6b. Slurred speech, vertigo, and convulsions occurred.....	Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning
7a. Patient felt tingling of lips, tongue, fingers, and toes.....	8
7b. Vomiting occurred .....	9
8a. The patient experienced seizures.....	9
8b. Paralysis of chest and abdomen occurred.....	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
9a. Ultimately, the patient slipped into a coma .....	Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning
9b. The patient recovered once the toxins were naturally flushed from the body.....	Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning