

## Deadly mushrooms found in SA

27 April 2016

Dr Julian White, Head of Toxinology, Women's and Children's Health Network helped to share the message about the dangers of poisonous wild mushrooms through media coverage in April.

This followed concerns the Death Cap mushroom had recently been found under oak trees in the Adelaide Hills.

Dr White said it was vital that people consult a doctor immediately if they believe they have ingested a poisonous mushroom.

"The poison from the Death Cap mushroom can cause delayed gastrointestinal symptoms," Dr White said.

"It can take over six hours, and in some cases over 12 hours, for symptoms to appear.

"The window for effective treatment to reduce or prevent damage to the liver is very narrow so it's important for doctors to diagnose quickly.

"If symptoms have developed go to your nearest emergency department or medical clinic immediately.

"You should also try to take one of the mushrooms with you if possible, to help experts identify what species it is to determine the most appropriate treatment."

To view the SA Health media release go to <http://goo.gl/o7b9oJ>