

evidence that exposure to mixed molds and their mycotoxins in a water-damaged building may result in various health issues that involve the immune system and the central nervous system, including allergies and pulmonary effects. Fourth, reactions to mold exposures will vary from one person to another. This is because the reaction is influenced by the state of the individual's lung barrier, genetics, and the immune function's acceptance of environmental factors.

Fifth, frequent exposure to mold can overcome lung barriers. The inflammation due to the mold can prevent the proper functioning of the pulmonary tight junctions. This function has to be optimal in order to close the epithelial cells and protect the lungs from injuries. Air pathogens, such as mold, may be able to penetrate these tight junctions and this could result in chronic inflammation or autoimmune disease. For individuals whose lung barriers have been affected by mold, they may experience shortness of breath, coughing, or experience difficulty in physical exertion.

Sixth, exposure to mold might also be the primary cause of neuropsychological problems. A research study that was published in *Applied Neuropsychology*, indicated that study participants when exposed to mold at home or in the workplace, experienced impairment on several cognitive measures, particularly in visuospatial memory, visuospatial learning, psychomotor speed, and verbal learning. Seventh, it may be a good idea to have an air purifier with a HEPA filter in the home or the workplace. In addition, a dehumidifier and hygrometer may help to check on the humidity levels indoors.

And finally, the key to handling mold indoors is simply to get rid of them. Unfortunately, this may not always be feasible, in which case, it might be helpful to enhance one's immune function and respiratory system. Binders may be considered to help detoxify mycotoxins. Natural mold and anti-fungal remedies may also be considered. It may be a good idea to consult with a medical doctor, naturopathic doctor, or nurse practitioner that practices functional medicine for guidance.

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