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Dr. H. H. Gols
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Dear Harold:

I don't know who wrote the Chemical Safety Data Sheet on Hydrochloric Acid, but I can sure tell you about Hydrochloric Acid in regard to teeth. We used to manufacture Hydrochloric Acid by the old Mannheim furnace method. In this operation, we would take salt and roast it in the presence of sulfuric acid and liberate HCL gas. There might be a small amount of SO_2 or SO_3 present, but HCL was the offending agent. The people who had worked in this department for years lost almost all their teeth. How we got away with it, I will never know, but we never had a suit. They just accepted it as a fact of life. The enamel more or less dissolved. I feel this is rather well documented some place in the ancient occupational medicine literature although, obviously, we didn't write it up. These individuals did not complain about upper respiratory or eye irritation.

As you remember when you were a physician rather than an administrator, when people took Hydrochloric Acid for an anacidity, you always told them to drink it through a glass straw to avoid action on the teeth.

Best personal regards,

R. Emmet Kelly, M. D.
Medical Director

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