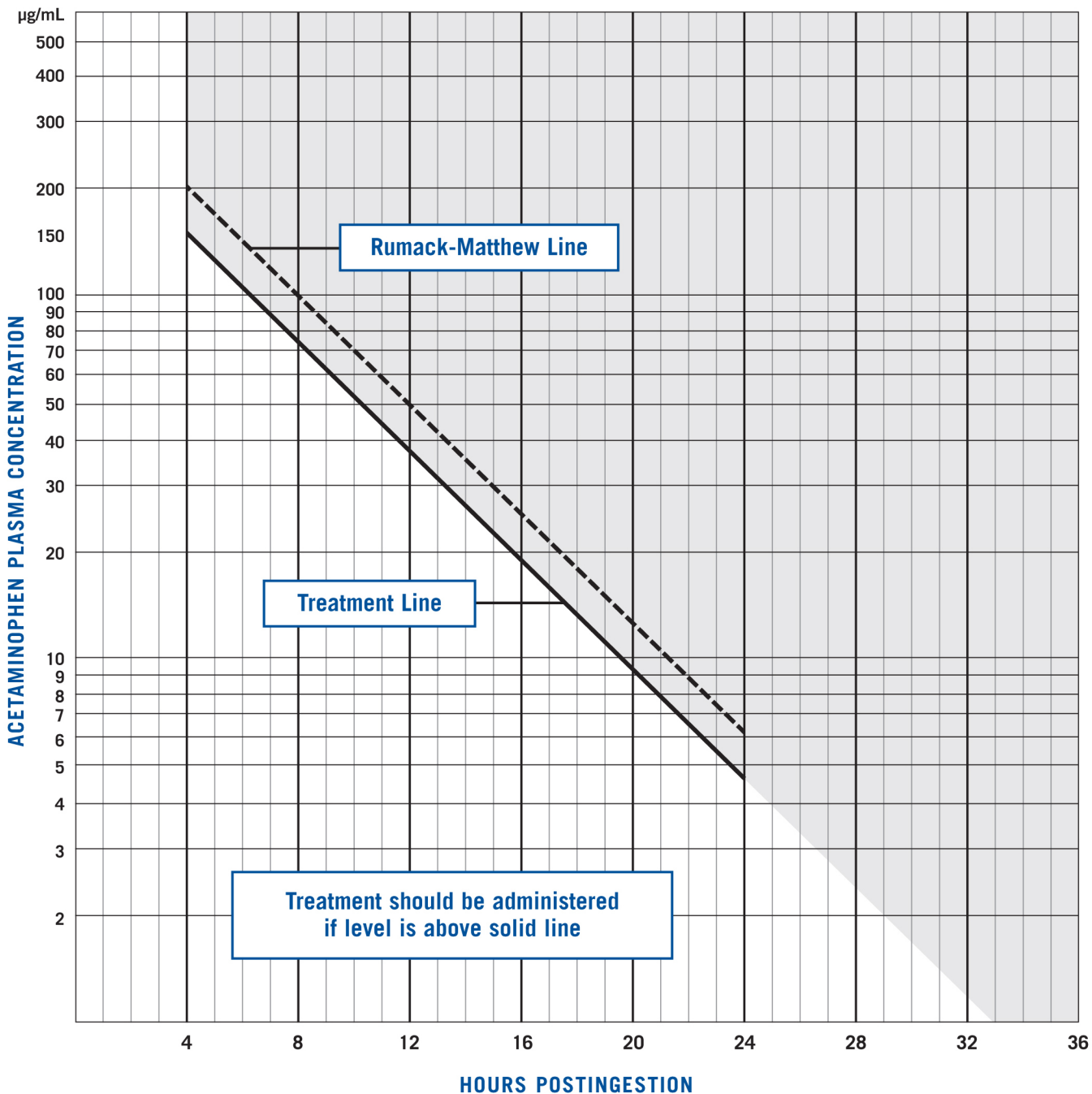


Single Acute Acetaminophen Overdose Nomogram



Nomogram: acetaminophen plasma concentration vs time after acetaminophen ingestion (adapted with permission from Rumack and Matthew. *Pediatrics*. 1975;55:871-876). The nomogram has been developed to estimate the probability of whether a plasma acetaminophen concentration in relation to the interval postingestion will result in hepatotoxicity and, therefore, whether acetylcysteine therapy should be administered.

CAUTIONS FOR USE OF THIS CHART:

1. Time coordinates refer to time postingestion.
2. Graph relates only to plasma concentrations following a single, acute overdose ingestion.
3. The Treatment Line is plotted 25% below the Rumack-Matthew Line to allow for potential errors in plasma acetaminophen assays and estimated time from ingestion of an overdose (Rumack et al. *Arch Intern Med*. 1981;141(suppl):380-385).