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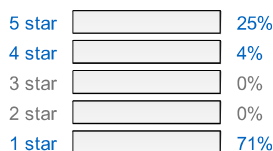
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By [ACSE](#) on April 13, 2006

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Mainstream medical science has already identified numerous chemicals as Sensitizers, while ones it has identified as Irritants. Case-specific & medically accepted forms of Chemical Sensitivity include Chemical Worker's Lung (a subset of Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis), Irritant-induced Asthma, Reactive Airways Dysfunction Syndrome, Irritant Rhinitis, Irritant-associated Vocal Cord Dysfunction, and Airborne Irritant Contact Dermatitis.

Chemical-specific forms include Formaldehyde Sensitivity, Glutaraldehyde Sensitivity, Cinnamic Aldehyde Sensitivity, Oil of Turpentine Allergy, Methyltetrahydrophthalic Anhydride Allergy, IgE-mediated Triethanolamine Sensitivity, Ammonium Persulfate Sensitivity, Methacrylate Sensitivity, Plicatic Acid (Red Cedar) Sensitivity, Sulfite Hypersensitivity, and numerous other ones.

Nontoxic/ambient benzene exposure has resulted in cases of hematotoxicity, while a number of chemicals, at nontoxic levels, have triggered anaphylaxis.

Objective medical findings in the chemically sensitive have included turbinate hypertrophy, nasal & laryngeal erythema, objective skin whealing resulting from skin testing, glandular hyperplasia, paradoxical adduction of the true vocal cords, urticaria, bronchial hyperresponsiveness in inhalation challenge testing, and other ones.

The AMA, in Report 4 of the Council on Scientific Affairs (A-98), has acknowledged as asthma triggers, "volatile organic compounds from carpeting, cabinetry, plywood, particle board, and fumes from household cleaning products", among other ones. The AAAAI has acknowledged "chemicals in the air", "household cleansers", and "paints or varnishes" as asthma triggers, among other ones. [Read more](#)

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☆☆☆☆☆ Gots is a FRAUD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By [Smiley](#) on July 26, 2009

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Dr. Gots is a Fraud!! He was exposed on dateline. He works for insurance companies and the chemical industry he will say and write anything for money!!!! He has no formal training or experience in toxicology nor has he seen or treated a patient in 30 years. This man has done a lot of damage all for his personal gain.

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I'm a 57 year-old man who has had MCS since 1978, before it even had a real name. I acquired the condition by virtue of a massive chemical overexposure that almost killed me. [Read more](#)
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★☆☆☆☆ **Very unfair treatment of a serious illness**

By [SciMed Reviewer](#) on May 6, 2006

Format: Hardcover | 18 of 20 people found this review helpful

As many reviewers have already said, this book is extremely unhelpful to those who suffer from chemical injuries or EI. I am personally familiar with several of these, and know from personal experience the frustration and suffering this can cause. To argue that this is a psychogenic illness just makes it more frustrating to those who need real research and medical solutions. This book attempts to stand in the way of progress, and hopefully most people will not buy its bogus arguments. Please see, for example, Pamela Gibson's Multiple Chemical Sensitivities: A Survivor's Guide, for summaries of some of the research. The Baylor College of Medicine also has a nice discussion of the illness on its website, with suggestions for support workers. I can't believe the Barrett-Gots book is even still in print.

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★☆☆☆☆ **Chemical industries attempt to silence chemically injured**

By A Customer on March 14, 2003

Format: Hardcover | 56 of 69 people found this review helpful

Many large chemical companies such as DowElanco, Monsanto, Procter and Gamble, the Cosmetic Toiletries and Fragrances Association, and other companies and trade associations involved in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, pesticides, and other chemicals, each pay \$10,000 per year to keep the Environmental Sensitivities Research Institute(ESRI) going. The head of ESRI is Dr. Ronald Gots, who also runs something called the National Medical Advisory Group, which provides expert witnesses to defend the chemical corporations in tort lawsuits. Dr. Gots is a pharmacologist, not a toxicologist, with no formal training or certification in toxicology. Dr. Gots has not treated or seen patients of his own for 20 years and has never been the physician for a chemically sensitive person. He practiced medicine for only a few years before becoming a full time expert witness and consultant for the chemical industry and other corporations, and many times has testified against MCS patients. It is my understanding that Ronald Gots has also been charged with insurance fraud. I wouldn't be surprised if these large giant chemical companies are paying Dr. Gots for writing this book so they can keep on polluting the planet and causing diseases. More than 2 billion people have cancer alone not to mention the 50 plus autoimmune diseases such as diabetes, MS, Lupus etc. that are being linked to chemicals in the environment. What does that tell us about what the chemical industry is doing??

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★☆☆☆☆ **Just the facts, please!**

By [Amanda K](#) on November 5, 2003

Format: Hardcover | 45 of 55 people found this review helpful

I find it very interesting that those who read the book and gave it a positive review could ignore the outright arrogance of the authors given that Gots isn't even in the field (see the reviews below). It reads like a child having a tantrum when he doesn't get his way. Speaking from a scientific background, I feel that it is necessary to look at both sides of the argument provided they are presented in a factual manner. The emotions conveyed in this book have without a doubt elicited the emotional responses from the readers.

I find it very disturbing that nowhere in this book does it mention that people are not designed to withstand chemical exposure. Chemicals are not a part of the natural environment! When unnatural elements are introduced into our environment, they cause problems. We've all seen it before.

Remember when DDT was supposed to be "good for us"?

In short, I'll just say that if you are looking for a book to present information on MCS to you in a direct, un-tampered way, this book is not for you.

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★☆☆☆☆ **Huge Disappointment!**

Based on what I now know about MCS, I have probably had MCS for 20 years. I have known I have MCS for about a year and a half. [Read more](#)

Published on February 7, 2009 by Claudia

★★★★★ **A great book on an often misunderstood topic.**

This really is a great book. It deals with MCS from the perspective of what the objective scientific evidence is on the subject and so far the evidence points to sociogenic... [Read more](#)

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