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<div class="zemanta-img"></div> <p>Sure, this may have been in jest. But, consider for a moment what it says if it wasn't in jest. </p> <p>Tom and Ray Magliozzi write a column (and have written a book) called "Car Talk" which is syndicated nationally. They answer reader questions related to automotive issues and news, and also have a podcast. In a recent column, there was an interesting letter from a physician, the full text of which can be found here.</p> <p>♦ You mentioned in a recent column that ethylene glycol (antifreeze) is toxic to animals. Is it also toxic to humans? I'm a doctor, and I prescribe a medicine for my patients that cleans out their colon called Go-Lytely (which makes a person do anything but go lightly). The main ingredient in Go-Lytely is polyethylene glycol, which sounds an awful lot like ethylene glycol, or antifreeze. So, when I prescribe Go-Lytely to prepare my patients for a colonoscopy, am I really prescribing antifreeze? If so, could I just tell my patients to down a gallon of Prestone and save themselves a trip to the pharmacy? ♦ Dan</p> <p>Let's just say that I really, really hope, that this wasn't an actual reader question.</p> <p>Worse yet, I really, really, really hope this wasn't an actual question from a physician. My faith in all that is health care may be fully and completely destroyed. </p> <p>If this is truly the case - a sincere question - then ♦ Dan ♦ needs to go back to organic chemistry, or perhaps read a few labels a little more carefully. If this is ♦ for real ♦, then we have yet another reason to be cautious and concerned about ♦ the world ♦ s best health care system ♦. But nonetheless, go forward, and Go-Lytely. Tread with caution, ask lots of questions ♦ and read the labels.</p> <p>Photo credit: Wikipedia</p>>