Drug Abuse

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Also called: Substance abuse

Drug abuse is a serious public health problem that affects almost every community and family in some way. Each year drug abuse causes millions of serious illnesses or injuries among Americans. Abused drugs include

- Amphetamines
- Anabolic steroids
- Club drugs
- Cocaine
- Heroin
- Inhalants
- Marijuana
- Prescription drugs

Drug abuse also plays a role in many major social problems, such as drugged driving, violence, stress, and child abuse. Drug abuse can lead to homelessness, crime, and missed work or problems with keeping a job. It harms unborn babies and destroys families. There are different types of treatment for drug abuse. But the best is to prevent drug abuse in the first place.

NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse

Start Here

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/el-abuso-de-drogas-y-la-droga-dice]  

Overviews

- Faces of Change: Do I Have a Problem with Alcohol or Drugs? [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA12-4174/SMA12-4174.pdf] Easy-to-Read (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF

Latest News

Treatment

- Alcohol and Drug Treatment: How It Works, and How It Can Help You [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA07-4292/SMA07-4292.pdf] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF
  Also available in Spanish [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA08-4320/SMA08-4320.pdf]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/enfoques-de-tratamiento-para-la-drogadiccion]
- What Is Substance Abuse Treatment? A Booklet for Families [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA08-4126/SMA08-4126.pdf] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF
  Also available in Spanish [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA08-4098/SMA08-4098.pdf]

Prevention/Screening


Disease Management


Specific Conditions

- Drugs of Abuse [http://www.justice.gov/dea/druginfo/all_fact_sheets.pdf] (Drug Enforcement Administration) - PDF
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/los-alucinogenos-lsd-peyote-psilocibina-y-pcp]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/el-khat]
- Narcotics [http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com/drugs/narcotics.html] (Drug Enforcement Administration)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/la-salvia]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/catinonas-sinteticas-sales-de-bano]

Related Issues

Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/el-vihsida-y-el-abuso-de-drogas-dos-epidemias-entrelazadas]

- Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/conducir-bajo-la-influencia-del-drogas]

Pictures & Photographs
- Get Smart About Drugs - Can You Identify? [http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com/identify/can_you_identify.html] (Drug Enforcement Administration)

Tutorials
- Get Smart About Drugs - Your Home [http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com/identify/your_home.html] (Drug Enforcement Administration)

Videos

Financial Issues
- Uninsured Employed Admissions to Treatment [http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/223/223FTEmpUnisrd2k10.htm] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Clinical Trials
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Opioid-Related Disorders [http://clinicaltrials.gov/search/open/condition=%22Opioid-Related+Disorders%22] NIH (National Institutes of Health)

Research
Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/las-drogas-el-cerebro-y-el-comportamiento]


Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)


Directories

- Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator [http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/TreatmentLocator/faces/quickSearch.jspx] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Organizations

- Drug Enforcement Administration [http://www.justice.gov/dea/]
- National Institute on Drug Abuse [http://www.drugabuse.gov/] NIH
- Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/inicio]
- Partnership at Drugfree.org [http://www.drugfree.org/] (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [http://www.samhsa.gov/]

Newsletters/Print Publications


Law and Policy

- Are You in Recovery from Alcohol or Drug Problems? Know Your Rights
Drug Abuse: MedlinePlus (Print Version)

[http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//PHD1091/PHD1091.pdf](http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//PHD1091/PHD1091.pdf) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF

- Rights for Individuals on Medication-Assisted Treatment
  [http://partnersforrecovery.samhsa.gov/docs/Know_Your_Rights_Brochure_0110.pdf](http://partnersforrecovery.samhsa.gov/docs/Know_Your_Rights_Brochure_0110.pdf) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF

### Statistics

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/sites/default/files/hospitales.pdf](http://www.drugabuse.gov/sites/default/files/hospitales.pdf)
- Illicit Drug Use among Older Adults [http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k11/013/WEB_SR_013_HTML.pdf](http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k11/013/WEB_SR_013_HTML.pdf) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF
- Injection Drug Use and Related Risk Behaviors [http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/139/139IDU.htm](http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/139/139IDU.htm) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- Results from the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Summary of National Findings [http://www.samhsa.gov/data/nsduh/2k11Results/NSDUHresults2011.pdf](http://www.samhsa.gov/data/nsduh/2k11Results/NSDUHresults2011.pdf) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF
- Substance Use among Black Adults [http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/174/174SubUseBlackAdults.htm](http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/174/174SubUseBlackAdults.htm) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- Substance Use Treatment Need among Uninsured Workers [http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/177/177EmpNoIns.htm](http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/177/177EmpNoIns.htm) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

### MedlinePlus Magazine

- Actress Debra Winger: "Everyone Is Touched by Addiction."
- Pioneering Legacy of Betty Ford
- Real-Life Stories about Addiction Struggles
- Scientific Research Has Revolutionized Our Understanding of Drug Abuse and Addiction

### Children


### Men

- Helping Yourself Heal: A Recovering Man's Guide to Coping with the Effects of Childhood Abuse
  [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA12-4134/SMA12-4134.pdf](http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA12-4134/SMA12-4134.pdf) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF

### Women

- Helping Yourself Heal: A Recovering Woman's Guide to Coping with Childhood Abuse Issues

Seniors


Patient Handouts

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/001945.htm]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/001522.htm]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/007480.htm]
- Toxicology screen [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/003578.htm]  
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- Drugs and Young People [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/drugsandyoungpeople.html]

The primary NIH organization for research on Drug Abuse is the National Institute on Drug Abuse [http://www.nida.nih.gov/]


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