Methamphetamine

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Also called: Chalk, Crystal, Glass, Ice, Meth, Speed, Tina

Methamphetamine - meth for short - is a very addictive stimulant drug. It is a powder that can be made into a pill or a shiny rock (called a crystal). The powder can be eaten or snorted up the nose. It can also be mixed with liquid and injected into your body with a needle. Crystal meth is smoked in a small glass pipe.

Meth at first causes a rush of good feelings, but then users feel edgy, overly excited, angry, or afraid. Meth use can quickly lead to addiction. It causes medical problems including

- Making your body temperature so high that you pass out
- Severe itching
- "Meth mouth" - broken teeth and dry mouth
- Thinking and emotional problems

NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse

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  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/drugfacts/la-metanfetamina]

Overviews

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.drugabuse.gov/es/publicaciones/serie-de-reportes/abuso-y-adicción-la-metanfetamina/nota-de-la-directora]

Latest News


Specific Conditions

- Crystal Meth [http://www.drugfree.org/drug-guide/crystal-meth] (Partnership for a Drug-Free America)

Related Issues

- Methamphetamine Frequently Asked Questions [http://www.raonline.org/topics/methamphetamine/faqs/]
(Rural Assistance Center)


Health Check Tools


Clinical Trials


Research


Journal Articles

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

- Article: Results of a pilot study to reduce methamphetamine use and... [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23457885?tool=MedlinePlus]

Dictionaries/Glossaries


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)

Statistics

- Amphetamines / Methamphetamines [http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/amphetamines.htm] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- Emergency Department Visits Involving Methamphetamine: 2004 to 2008 [http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/DAWN017/Meth.htm] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- Methamphetamine Trends in the United States [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/ondcp/Fact_Sheets/pseudoephedrine_fact_sheet_7-16-10_0.pdf]
(Office of National Drug Control Policy) - PDF
- Trends in Methamphetamine Admissions to Treatment: 1997-2007
  [http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/209/MethTrends2k9.htm] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Children
  Also available in Spanish [http://teens.drugabuse.gov/mom/mom_meth1_spanish.php]
- What You Need to Know about Drugs: Methamphetamines
  [http://kidshealth.org/kid/grow/drugs_alcohol/know_drugs_meths.html] (Nemours Foundation)

Teenagers
- Tips for Teens: The Truth about Methamphetamine
  [http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/PHD861/PHD861.pdf] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) - PDF

Women
- Methamphetamine/Dextroamphetamine and Pregnancy
  [http://www.mothertobaby.org/files/methamphetamine.pdf] (Organization of Teratology Information Specialists) - PDF
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.mothertobaby.org/files/methamphetamine_sp.pdf]

Patient Handouts
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/007480.htm]
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The primary NIH organization for research on Methamphetamine is the National Institute on Drug Abuse [http://www.nida.nih.gov/]

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