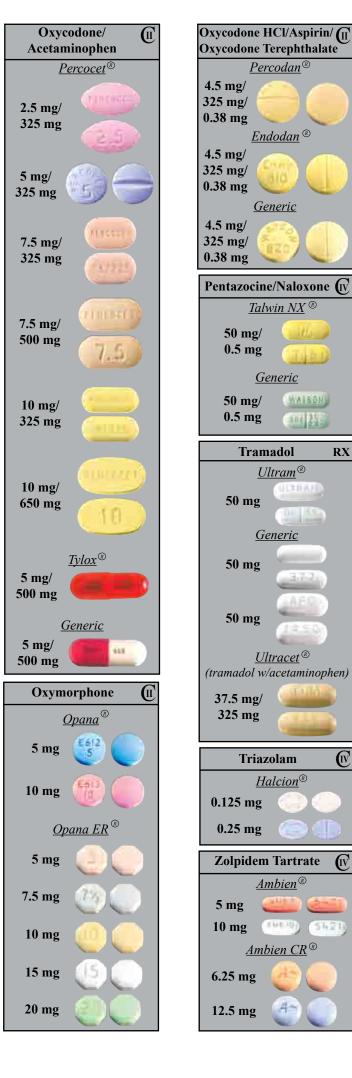


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# Abused Pharmaceutical Substances

#### Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York

An independent prosecutors' office with citywide jurisdiction, the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor (SNP) is responsible for felony narcotics investigations and prosecutions the five boroughs of New York City. Founded in 1971, it is the only agency of its kind in the United States.

SNP has broad authority under New York State Judiciary Laws to root out sophisticated narcotics trafficking organizations and track offenders across traditional jurisdictional boundaries. Since its inception, SNP has worked closely with local, state and federal law enforcement partners.

Under the direction of Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan, who was appointed by the city's five District Attorneys in 1998, the office has developed innovative strategies to target emerging problems, such as the explosion of prescription drug abuse and diversion. The office is also committed to reducing demand for narcotics by raising public awareness and facilitating treatment for addicted offenders.

#### **Disposal of Prescription Drugs**

Unused prescription drugs left in medicine cabinets can invite theft and abuse. The FDA provides instruction on how to properly dispose of medications at www.fda.gov. Look for Take-Back Programs offered by law enforcement agencies. Other methods include mixing medication with used coffee grounds or kitty litter before disposal. Flushing is generally discouraged for environmental reasons, with some exceptions.

## Common Symptoms of Prescription Drug Abuse

#### **Signs of Narcotic Abuse**

Pinpoint pupils, drowsiness, "nodding off". A large dose can cause respiratory depression and death. Effects are exaggerated by drinking alcohol or taking depressants. Withdrawal symptoms include chills, heavy sweating, enlarged pupils, muscle spasms, and gooseflesh.

#### **Signs of Depressant Abuse**

Drowsiness, stupor, lack of muscle coordination. Large doses can depress breathing and cause coma. Effects are exaggerated by drinking alcohol or combining narcotics or other depressants. Withdrawal symptoms include anxiety, delirium, insomnia, and convulsions.

#### **Signs of Stimulant Abuse**

Hyperactivity, excitability, elevated blood pressure and heart rate. High doses can cause psychosis, seizure and cardiac arrest. Heavy stimulant users may also take narcotics or depressants to temper the high.

#### **Signs of Anabolic Steroid Abuse**

Heavily muscled physique, yellowed eyes, aggressive personality disorder known as "roid rage". Abused by both male and female athletes and bodybuilders to enhance performance and enlarge muscles. Abusers of anabolic steroids may also abuse human growth hormone and human chorionic gonadotropin.

### **Commonly Abused Prescription Drugs**

#### **Narcotics**

Prescribed to relieve pain. Also known as pain killers or opiates. Examples include morphine (liquid Roxanol®, MS Contin®), oxycodone (Percocet®, Percodan®, OxyContin®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®, Lortab®, Norco®), methadone, fentanyl (Duragesic® patch, Actiq® lozenge), and hydromorphone (Dilaudid®).

#### **Depressants**

Prescribed for sedative effect to treat anxiety, seizures, and sleep disorders. Also known on the street as "downers". Includes barbiturates and benzodiazepines. Examples are pentobarbital (Nembutal®), diazepam (Valium®), and alprazolam (Xanax®).

#### **Stimulants**

Prescribed for both children and adults to treat attention-deficit disorder (AD/HD). Also known on the street as "uppers". Examples include amphetamine (Dexedrine®, Adderall®), and methylphenidate (Ritalin®, Concerta®).

#### **Anabolic Steroids**

Prescribed to treat hormone deficiency in males and breast cancer in females. Also known as "roids" or "juice". Examples include testosterone (Androgel®, Androderm® patch, Depo-testosterone® and Delatestryl® injection) and stanozolol (Winstrol®).

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#### **Reporting Narcotics Activity** In an emergency, call 911

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• Call 911 to report outdoor drug use or sale in progress, or indoor drug use or sale involving weapons or a dispute.

#### **NYPD Crime Stoppers**

• 1-800-577-TIPS (1-800-577-8477) Spanish: 1-800-57PISTA (1-800-577-4782)

#### **NYC Drug Hotline**

• 1-888-374-DRUG (1-888-374-3784)

#### **Reporting Poisonings**

In an emergency, call 911

• Call 911 for immediate medical assistance.

#### **New York City Poison Control Center**

- Emergency hotline: 212-POISONS (212-764-7667) or 1-800-222-1222
- For Language translation services and assistance for the hearing impaired call (TDD) 212-689-9014.

Operated by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the poison control center is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by registered pharmacists and nurses certified in poison information.

#### **NOTICE**

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