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**A View From the Chair**

Larry Glanz, PhD  
President of GPPA

This has been a good year for GPPA. We are growing, and our bottom line is good. We have a blossoming connection with Carlow University, and our committees are active. So why am I feeling frustrated?

As with most organizations, a relatively small number of folks do the majority of the work. We have well over two hundred members, and we provide a good service to them as well as to the larger community. We could greatly benefit from your help on our committees.

On my wish list: more help for Arnold Freedman on the Legislative Action Committee. He has been so informative and active for many years. It is surprising what you can learn and how easy it is to contribute to our understanding of issues vital to psychology. I would love to have some help on the Membership Committee. Right now I am the sole member of this committee, and I know that with some help we could attract more new GPPA members. In addition, we have no chair for the Disaster Response Committee, or for the Health Care Committee.

It would be terrific to boost our communication with the academic community. I would appreciate someone to serve in this capacity. I am also looking for help with minorities, social service, and veterans' issues. Please call me if you have an interest in any of these committees. None of them require a lot of time, and you will have my gratitude as well as that of all GPPA members. Just give me a call at 412-687-8700 ext. 2 or e-mail me at [glanzlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:glanzlaw@yahoo.com)

**The 2007 National Survey of Counseling Center Directors**

Robert P. Gallagher

The National Survey of Counseling Center Directors has attempted to stay abreast of trends in college counseling center work for the past 26 years. The findings of the 2007 National Survey have just been released by the University of Pittsburgh and the American College Counseling Association (co-sponsors of the research project). Some of the 2007 findings are summarized in this article. The full survey report can be found on the International Association of Counseling Center Services (IACS) website: <http://www.iacsinc.org>

There has been a growing concern in recent years about the large numbers of students coming to college counseling centers with serious psychological problems. Of the 272 counseling center directors surveyed, 91.5% reported that this trend continues to be problematic on their campuses. Directors report that 49% of the students seen in their centers have significant psychological problems. Of these, 7.5% have impairment so severe that they cannot remain in school without extensive psychiatric/psychological assistance and 41.5% experience severe distress such as depression, anxiety, panic attacks, suicidal ideation etc. but are able to be successfully treated within existing treatment modalities. In addition, close to 2,000 students from the surveyed campuses were hospitalized for psychological reasons during 2007. This is an average of almost 9 students per school. In 2001, only 5 students per school, on average, were hospitalized.

Directors reported 105 student suicides in the past year. It should be noted, however, that 78% of the students who committed suicide had never sought assistance at their campus counseling or mental health service. Of these 105, 74% were male, 82% were undergraduates and most of the suicides (63%) occurred off-campus. To the extent that directors were able to access

this information, 63% of the suicidal students were depressed, 24% had relationship problems, 12% had academic problems, 32% were on psychiatric medication, and 15% had a previous psychiatric hospitalization.

Most of the responding directors (85%) reported an increased level of concern on campus about liability risks regarding student suicides. This concern may explain why 36% of counseling center directors now favor mandating a certain number of counseling sessions for any student who mentions suicidal thoughts to anyone on campus. Most counseling professionals, however, continue to be opposed to mandatory counseling, barring exceptional circumstances. Most counseling center directors, however, are in favor of a mandated student assessment when this appears to be in the student's best interest.

In response to the growing concern about student problems, 51% of the counseling centers surveyed held a Depression Screening Day on their campuses. Based on this screening, over 10,000 students were screened and almost one-third of these were referred for treatment. Other actions taken by directors included increased time spent training faculty about how to respond to students in trouble (63%), increased training for staff working with difficult cases (58%), providing psycho-educational assistance on center websites (56%), and expanding external referral networks (48%).

When responding to a question about how the Virginia Tech tragedy impacted on their centers:

- 66% of directors reported a significant increase in calls from faculty seeking consultation about students of concern.
- 61% reported an increased interest on their campuses in developing a crisis management team or in redesigning one that already exists.
- 50% of directors have been asked to prepare reports for higher level administration about their center's capacity for handling the problems that students are bringing them .

- 31% reported that their policies about communicating with the parents of students in crisis are now being revised.
- 30% indicate that the pressure to share more information with the administration about "difficult" cases is increasing.

During 2007, The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law released a model policy for colleges and universities for responding to students in crisis due to mental health problems. A number of the recommendations are already standard operating procedure in most counseling centers, but some recommendations need further review (for details, see full report at <http://www.iacsinc.org/> )

In general, all policies for responding to students in crisis need to be continually reviewed and up-dated. The growing incidence of students with more serious psychological problems does have an impact on college life. Mental health problems adversely affect academic achievement, classroom management, and student retention. On an individual level, mental health problems can impact negatively on a student's physical, emotional, cognitive and social well being and in some of the more severe cases lead to suicide or violent acting out.

There are many signs that this area of concern is receiving increased attention by colleges and universities throughout the United States and I am hopeful that this attention will lead to expanded and improved student services in the years ahead,

This annual survey is conducted by Robert P. Gallagher. Dr. Gallagher is the former Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh and is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Administrative and Policy Studies Department in the School of Education. He can be reached at [rgallagh@pitt.edu](mailto:rgallagh@pitt.edu)

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## Yearning: A Neglected Affect in Psychotherapy with Teens

**Charles Bonner, Ph.D.**  
Editor, *GPPA Report*

Almost all infants and children yearn for affection, warmth and love from their caretakers. Omaha (2004) has highlighted the often neglected significance of the affect of yearning (also, referred to as "longing"). Interestingly, in common experiences for all of us, yearning is often hiding behind the affects that arise when we feel rejected in our yearning for closeness with another person. It appears that yearning or longing for nurture from caregivers often underlies the more common presenting affects of anger and sadness. Omaha (2004) summarizes how:

Yearning, or longing, is the affect,,, [originally] directed toward the mother and her nurturance and nourishing qualities. Sadness [and/or anger] is the affect the infant, child, adolescent, and adult feels when the yearning is frustrated, thwarted, neglected, or punished. (p. 56)

In psychotherapy, patients will usually not become aware of their yearning affect until their sadness and/or anger has been recognized and regulated. This is certainly a frequent phenomenon with teenagers who present as intensely sad or angry in reaction to a romantic rejection. It is important for the clinician to not only help teens decrease the intensity of their sadness or anger, but also help them notice, name, and manage the yearning that engenders

these other affects. Teenagers will often also be overly focused on reducing their pain through reuniting with the rejecting other, and need help recognizing that this is a temporary and undependable solution to the inescapable dilemma of being driven by yearning that will often be unrequited. This dilemma is complicated for teens whose development has been characterized by insecure attachments to primary caregivers. These teens tend to be even more desperate in their yearning for sustained and uninterrupted connection with peers, particularly in romantic relationships.

What are the sensory, postural, and behavioral components of yearning? Omaha (2004) notes that “while most affects are identified by a facial expression, yearning, because it is so archaic and primitive, may be identified by a whole body expression, the act of turning toward the objects of one’s yearning” (p. 56) This is certainly observable in 1) the infant’s turning toward the mother’s breast, voice, face, and body; and 2) the younger child’s sensitivity to separation from caregivers, dramatic distress if lost in a store, and relieved clinging when reunited.

For teens, contemporary markers of yearning for connection now include cell phones, text messaging, instant messaging, blogs, and the vast social networking Internet universe. Further, if you listen to the lyrics of most hit pop songs, the story being told is usually a choice among yearning for love, joy about winning this love, the sadness about losing the love, or anger about unrequited yearning. The clinician can discuss these common cultural references to help teens appreciate the universality of the affect of yearning and its complications. Beyond these external markers, though, the astute clinician should assist teens in identifying and managing the specific physical sensations that characterize the yearning affect, along with the other idiosyncratic aspects of this experience—such as specific memories, images, cognitions, and action urges.

On May 9, at the 2008 Star-Center Conference, Dr. Bonner will present a workshop on “Techniques for Rapid Relief of Adolescent Distress.” See the Continuing Education Calendar for registration information.

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## Mentoring Forum: Developing a Mentoring Community

Irv Guyett, Ph.D.

Chair, Mentoring Committee

The adventure in mentoring marches on with GPPA providing guest lectures to Mary Burke’s Carlow University Class on Foundations of Counseling Psychology. We are appreciative to her and Dr. Reed who championed this experiment and to Stephen Schachner, Rami Rao and Ed Zuckerman for stepping up to present in this class. The feedback from all concerned is that this bridging effort was a successful first step, with students finding it helpful to go beyond the usual textbook material and to see things through the experiences of those engaged in full time practice of the craft. A value added outcome of this effort will be Carlow University’s Department of Psychology & Counseling hosting GPPA’s spring meeting.

To march on another front (and stick with me on this point), consider this: molecular biologist Bonnie Bassler and other scientists discovered years ago that as the density of bacteria increase in a given area, they glow. In fact, the bacteria studied are capable of perceiving when they are in a dense population, a phenomenon called “quorum sensing.” Further, the bacteria can differentially identify bacteria of their own kind or other kinds.

This molecular model is an interesting example of cooperation for survival. That is, at a basic biological level, building sufficient numbers of similarly disposed entities which can cooperate

enhances their survival. Other researchers found that disrupting their degree of communication will leave them vulnerable to predators of various kinds.

Of course one can play with and stretch metaphors, but perhaps we should respect our elders or distant evolutionary cousins even if several million generations removed. We are here perhaps because the process of communication and cooperation has paid off over the millennia. What higher species add to the survival competency mix is the capacity to pass on learning from one generation to the next, even if some of these skills like competing and making war are not the most adaptive to pass on.

Ahh, but psychological skills, these should certainly be worth passing on and maintaining. To this end of increasing the communication and sharing in the local psychology community, let me propose the notion that all psychologists in the GPPA region of Southwestern PA should belong to a non job, face to face group which meets six or eight plus times per year. Last Spring’s networking event and its data indicate there are people who might be interested in meeting along several lines such as:

- Innovative strategies for practice, careers, and personal life.
- Marketing to generate more clients.
- Discussions about interesting cases.
- Learning how to make a practice more fun and productive.

Themes of fun, innovation, and even marketing seem to dominate. If those who expressed interest last spring in the above or anyone else in psychology would like to follow through with exploring these themes, please contact me at [dart.calm@hotmail.com](mailto:dart.calm@hotmail.com).

## Legislation in Progress

Arnold Freedman, Ph. D.

Chair, Legislative Committee

### HEALTHCARE ISSUES-STATE

I am focusing this report solely on House Bill 1000, which would restrict

commercial managed care companies to one authorization per episode of treatment

I consider this legislation among the top three issues we have worked for in the 18 years I have been the Legislative Chair. As you all should know by now, HB 1000 passed the State House unanimously last year. Although the original bill dealt with outpatient authorizations for mental health treatment, it was amended in the state house to also include provisions limiting the retroactive denial of reimbursements by insurance companies.

The next step is to get it through the State Senate, which will be a much greater challenge for a variety of reasons. Insurance groups have had years of long-standing relationships with some senators, many of whom believe major issues concerning insurance should be settled by the free market. Also, some insurance companies sat out the battle in the House choosing to focus their efforts on killing it in the Senate.

Since the fall of 2007, PPA members and staff have been talking, with Senators or their staff, to convince them of the merits of HB 1000. Some progress has been made; a lot more work has to be done. PPA feels we can have success. I was recently informed that Senator Jake Corman, who has long been a champion of mental health issues and is highly respected, has agreed to sponsor the Bill in the Senate.

PPA has established a detailed plan to work on all aspects of this issue. A major part of this plan, one that is absolutely essential, is grassroots support. This not only involves YOU but also others you can encourage to act since we believe strongly that the bill will benefit our clients greatly.

### GRASS ROOTS EFFORTS

During the next several weeks representatives of the insurance industry will be meeting with Senators encouraging them NOT to cosponsor Corman's bill. They will, among other

things, present arguments that authorizations save money, ensure prudent use of resources, and help patients decide how to use their health care benefits wisely. Although our data shows that these arguments are not true, most Senators have not had personal experience with authorizations and are looking at this issue for the first time. They have to rely on information from secondary sources to make up their minds. If they fail to hear from their constituents on these issues, they will follow the lead of the insurance and managed care lobbyists.

PPA is sending an email blast to all PPA members for whom they have email addresses, giving instructions on how they can use the Capwiz system to contact their Senators. Capwiz is a computer-based system that PPA members (and others) can access through the internet. The process takes a few minutes and users only need to indicate their zip code and a prewritten letter to their State Senator will appear which they can edit as they see fit.

In addition, PPA will be sending out a snail mail letter to all PPA members, all non-PPA licensed psychologists, and a large number of social workers urging them to contact their state Senators. In addition, all PPA members will receive a follow-up post card and PPA members in certain important districts (such as the districts of members of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee or Senate leadership), will be receiving personal phone calls from a PPA volunteer.

It is easy to say that PPA should also apply some other technique to ensure a grassroots response. However, our resources are limited and we will be spending many thousands of dollars on these grassroots efforts. PPA members can help with the grassroots effort by responding to the alert yourselves, and sharing the alert with co-workers, friends, or family. Capwiz is set up so that anyone who is a resident of Pennsylvania can respond easily. Furthermore, every citizen of Pennsylvania has a right (or an obligation) to contact their elected

officials concerning issues of importance to them.

Please respond to all requests from PPA on this issue. Better yet, contact Sam Knapp or Rachel Baturin at PPA and ask how YOU can help out. This is especially important if you reside or have patients who reside in a district of one of the key Senators. You can get this information from PPA. If you want to read more about HB 1000, go the PPA website <http://www.papsy.org/> and click on the "Governmental Affairs" tab.

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## A Letter from the Editor

Charles Bonner, Ph.D.

This is my first issue as editor of the *GPPA Report*, and I am pleased to report that we have had a smooth transition of tasks from able hands of Steven Feinstein. The true glue for the newsletter is provided by the computer savvy of Ed Zuckerman, whose desktop publishing prowess is responsible for the streamlined, easy-to-read layout of the *Report*.

Electronic versions of the *Report* are emailed to members who ask for them and back issues are on our website: [www.gppaonline.org](http://www.gppaonline.org). Some of its advantages are listed on the back cover.

## Save These Dates

*The Spring Conference*  
**March 27–28, 2008** in Harrisburg.

*PPA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*  
**June 18–21, 2008** in Harrisburg

Finally, save this date! PPA comes to Pittsburgh in the Fall of 2008!

*PPA Fall Continuing Education and Ethics Conference*  
**October 23–24, 2008 in Pittsburgh!**

## Networking and Social Events Committee

Katie Hammond Holtz, Psy.D.

Thank you to the women who turned out for the first networking event entitled "Women in the North", which was held on November 30, 2007, at the offices of Dr. Elaine Malec, Dr. Jacki Herring, and Dr. Elizabeth Krause in Mars, PA. Approximately 15 women turned out to socialize, enjoy wonderful food, and then share with each other in a group circle format. Dr. Herring led the group, asking each of us to share our vision for the purpose of the group, our professional interests and talents, the areas in which we would like to see ourselves grow and be supported, and the ways in which we could help one another to achieve these goals. It was great to meet new and old friends, and to learn of all the wonderful services available north of Pittsburgh. I personally found it very beneficial.

By the time of this publication, the group will have had its second meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the offices of Malec, Herring, and Krause. "Women of the North" continues to be open to all women psychologists and psychotherapists in independent private practice, who are living or practicing in Butler, Cranberry, Wexford, Sewickely, Saxonburg, Sarver, Natrona Heights, New Kensington, Allison Park, or Fox Chapel. If you are among these women, please consider joining. The group will continue to meet on a monthly basis, so you are welcome to come when you can.

To attend future meetings or for further information, please contact: Jacki Herring, Ph.D., Malec, Herring, & Krause, 195 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA 16046. 724 772 4949.

## Mark your calendar for the Spring Get-Together

and

A Presentation on

**Mindfulness-**

**Based Psychotherapy**

*Friday, April 4, 2008, 5 to 8 PM*

Atrium at AJ Palumbo Hall

Carlow University

3333 Fifth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Hosted by The Psychology & Counseling Department Carlow University and sponsored by the GPPA Networking and Social Committee

We are pleased to announce that the Spring Get-together, traditionally known as the Spring Meeting, will be held at Carlow University this year. This will be an informal gathering with an invitation being extended to Pittsburgh-area academic psychologists, clinical psychologists, and students in the varying fields of psychology. Please feel free to invite any of your colleagues who you think would be interested, whether they are members of GPPA or not.

In addition to good old-fashioned socializing, visiting with old and new friends, we are also interested in learning about your clinical research, clinical practice and the dovetail between the two.

We will have a table available for your business cards, pamphlets, brief write-ups on your clinical practice and your area of research. Please consider sharing your expertise with us so that we can get know you.

This event promises to be an engaging evening. Refreshments and a light meal will be offered along with a presentation on Mindfulness-Based Psychotherapy.

To RSVP or for further information contact: Katie Hammond Holtz, Psy.D. e-mail: [katieholtz@verizon.net](mailto:katieholtz@verizon.net) phone: 412 361 0773 RSVP by March 28th

## Continuing Education Calendar of Events

Francine Fettman, Ph.D.

**MARCH**

*Friday and Saturday, March 28-29*

**The Marriage of EMDR and Ego State Theory in Couples Therapy**

Barry Litt, MFT, AAMFT Approved Supervisor, EMDRIA Consultant  
Location: North Park Club House, Robinson Town Centre, 1960 Park Manor Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. 412-787-2252

This venue is located across from IKEA and under the clock.

8 AM - 5 PM (includes continental breakfast and afternoon snack)

Price: \$310 plus \$25 for 13 CE's  
This workshop will provide EMDRIA CE's as well as APA, SW, MFT, LPC CE's. To register, call Lisa Schwarz, M.Ed at 412-221-3211 or email at [JCCharlieinc@yahoo.com](mailto:JCCharlieinc@yahoo.com).

*Wednesday, March 12*

**Myths and Facts of Substance Abuse**

John Massella, PhD.

**The GPPA Second Wednesday Luncheon Series.**

See below for information.

**APRIL**

*Wednesday, April 9*

**Practice Specializations: The Key to the Future of Independent Clinical Practice**

Edward Zuckerman, PhD

**The GPPA Second Wednesday Luncheon Series**

12:15 PM -1:45 PM. Registration 12:00-12:15 PM. CE Credit: one  
Cost: \$5.00 for GPPA Member; \$7.00 for others. Does not include lunch.  
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RSVP no later than Monday, March 10 to Hilda L Schorr-Riberra, PhD at 412-344-0222 or [schorriberra@yahoo.com](mailto:schorriberra@yahoo.com)

**Thursday and Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
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Behavior Change**

**Presented by Collaborative Change  
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Tuition: \$250 (early registration-March 17th), includes complementary continental breakfast, along with mid-morning and afternoon refreshments on both days. For registration/additional information, please call

412-370-2637 or visit our website at [www.collaborativechangesolutions.com](http://www.collaborativechangesolutions.com)

**MAY**

**Friday, May 9, 2008**

2008 STAR-CENTER Conference (Services for Teens At Risk).

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Registration: 8 to 8:30 a.m.). William Pitt Student Union, University of Pittsburgh.

There is a \$54 registration fee, \$27 for employees of W.P.I.C. Cost includes a light breakfast (coffee/tea/muffins), training materials, and 5.5 CE credits. Full tuition must accompany the registration form, which can be downloaded at <http://www.wpic.pitt.edu/oerp/conferences>

Please return the registration form by Friday, May 2, 2008.

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- The Fall Meeting and Legacy Awards planned for November, the Spring Meeting in April, and CE Workshops and Seminars throughout the year.
- A way for newer professionals to get started in the field, learn of local opportunities, get mentored, meet peers, and get answers.
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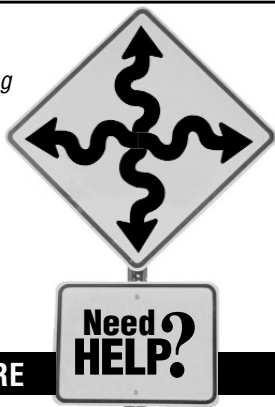
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\*Schedule I and II drugs have a high potential for abuse. They require greater storage security and have a quota on manufacturing, among other restrictions. Schedule I drugs are available for research only and have no approved medical use; Schedule II drugs are available only by prescription (unrefillable) and require a form for ordering. Schedule III and IV drugs are available by prescription, may have five refills in 6 months, and may be ordered orally. Most Schedule V drugs are available over the counter.

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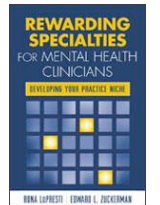
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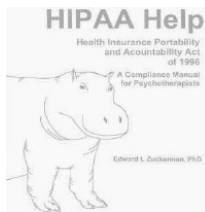
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**Checklist of Dosages and Uses of 100 Common Psychotropic Medications by TRADE NAME**

Ed Zuckerman, PhD and Dan Egli, PhD as a gift to our colleagues

Trade®	Names Drug generic	Class	Usual Adult Daily Dosage Range in mgs	FDA-approved Indication(s)	Common "Off-label" Uses, if any
-Abilify	aripiprazole	Atypical	10-15	Schizophrenia, Bipolar, Agitation	
-Adderall, XR	D, D-4-Amphetamine	Stimulant	5-40	ADHD, Narcoepisy	
-Ambien, CR	zolpidem	Non-benzo, hypnotic	5-12.5	DA, SCD, short-term use	
-Anfranil	clomipramine	Tryptic AD	100-250	OCD	
-Anisulbase	clonidine	Alcohol antagonist	1.25-500	Manage chronic alcoholism	
-Aripcept	donepezil	Cholinesterase inhibitor	5-10	Mild/moderate/severe dementia	
-Artane	tihexipendyl	Antidyskinetic	1-15	Anti-Parkinson's	
-Aiban	lorazepam	benzodiazepine	2-6	Anx	ExtraPyramidal Symptoms
-Avenyl/Plamidor	neostigmine	Tryptic AD	25-100	WDD	Alch withdrawal, Seiz, Insomnia
-Buspar	bupropion	Anti-anxiety	15-60	GAD	Depx
-Campral	acamprosate	Alcohol antagonist	1332-1998	Alcohol dependence	
-Catalpa, TTS	citalopram	Antidepressive	5-3	Hypertension	
-Cela	chitalapram	SSRI	20-40	WDD	Drug detox, Pain, Impulse, ADHD
-Centrax	prazosin	Benzodiazepine	30-60	WDD	Depx, PmDD, PTSD, BDD, SocAnx
-Chantix	varenicline	Nicotinic receptor agonist	0.5-2	Smoking cessation	Alch withdrawal, Seiz
-Cialis	tadalafil	PDE-5 inhibitor	5-20	Erectile dysfunction	
-Cisartil/Faxizo	cisazapine	Atypical	300-450	Schizophrenia	Bipolar
-Cogentin	benztropine	Anticholinergic	1-8	Anti-Parkinson's	ExtraPyramidal Symptoms
-Cogin	tacrine	Cholinesterase inhibitor	40-160	Mild-moderate dementia	
-Concerta	methylphenidate	Stimulant	18-54	ADHD	
-Cymbalta	citalopram	SNRI	20-60	MDD, GAD, Neuroathic Pain	
-Dalmane	flurazepam	Benzodiazepine	15-30	Insomnia, short-term use	Depx, PmDD, PTSD, SocAnx
-Daytrana, Patch	methylphenidate	Stimulant	10-27	ADHD, ages 6-12	
-Desiphetil-enei-con	desipramine	Anti-convulsant	750-3000	Bipolar, Epilepsy, Migraine	
-Desoxy	methylphenidate	Stimulant	5-25	ADHD, Anorexia	EDS, Narco

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# Selected Prescription Drugs With Potential for Abuse

Substances: Category & Name	Examples of <i>Commercial</i> and Street Names	DEA Schedule*/ How Administered**	<i>Intoxication Effects</i> / Potential Health Consequences
<b>Depressants</b>			<p><i>reduced pain and anxiety; feeling of well-being; lowered inhibitions; slowed pulse and breathing; lowered blood pressure; poor concentration / confusion, fatigue; impaired coordination, memory, judgment; respiratory depression and arrest, addiction</i>  <i>Also, for barbiturates—sedation, drowsiness / depression, unusual excitement, fever, irritability, poor judgment, slurred speech, dizziness</i>  <i>for benzodiazepines—sedation, drowsiness / dizziness</i>  <i>for flunitrazepam—visual and gastrointestinal disturbances, urinary retention, memory loss for the time under the drug's effects</i></p>
barbiturates	<i>Amytal, Nembutal, Seconal, Phenobarbital; barbs, reds, red birds, phennies, tooies, yellows, yellow jackets</i>	II, III, V/injected, swallowed	
benzodiazepines (other than flunitrazepam)	<i>Ativan, Halcion, Librium, Valium, Xanax; candy, downers, sleeping pills, tranks</i>	IV/swallowed	
flunitrazepam***	<i>Rohypnol; forget-me pill, Mexican Valium, R2, Roche, roofies, roofinol, rope, rophies</i>	IV/swallowed, snorted	
Dissociative anesthetics			
ketamine	<i>Ketalar SV; cat Valium, K, Special K, vitamin K</i>	III/injected, snorted, smoked	<i>increased heart rate and blood pressure, impaired motor function / memory loss; numbness; nausea / vomiting</i> <i>Also, for ketamine—at high doses, delirium, depression, respiratory depression and arrest</i>
<b>Opioids</b>			
codeine	<i>Empirin with Codeine, Fiorinal with Codeine, Robitussin A-C, Tylenol with Codeine; Captain Cody, Cody, schoolboy; (with glutethimide) doors &amp; fours, loads, pancakes and syrup</i>	II, III, IV/injected, swallowed	<p><i>pain relief, euphoria, drowsiness / respiratory depression and arrest, nausea, confusion, constipation, sedation, unconsciousness, coma, tolerance, addiction</i>  <i>Also, for codeine—less analgesia, sedation, and respiratory depression than morphine</i></p>
fentanyl	<i>Actiq, Duragesic, Sublimaze; Apache, China girl, China white, dance fever, friend, goodfella, jackpot, murder 8, TNT, Tango and Cash</i>	II/injected, smoked, snorted	
morphine	<i>Roxanol, Duramorph; M, Miss Emma, monkey, white stuff</i>	II, III/injected, swallowed, smoked	
opium	<i>laudanum, paregoric; big O, black stuff, block, gum, hop</i>	II, III, V/swallowed, smoked	
other opioid pain relievers (oxycodone, meperidine, hydromorphone, hydrocodone, propoxyphene)	<i>Tylox, OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet; oxy 80s, oxycotton, oxycet, hillbilly heroin, percs, Demerol, meperidine hydrochloride; demmies, pain killer. Dilaudid juice, dillies. Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet; Darvon, Darvocet</i>	II, III, IV/swallowed, injected, suppositories, chewed, crushed, snorted	
<b>Stimulants</b>			
amphetamines	<i>Biphetamine, Dexedrine; bennies, black beauties, crosses, hearts, LA turnaround, speed, truck drivers, uppers</i>	II/injected, swallowed, smoked, snorted	<p><i>increased heart rate, blood pressure, metabolism; feelings of exhilaration, energy, increased mental alertness / rapid or irregular heart beat; reduced appetite, weight loss, heart failure</i>  <i>Also, for amphetamines—rapid breathing; hallucinations/ tremor, loss of coordination; irritability, anxiousness, restlessness, delirium, panic, paranoia, impulsive behavior, aggressiveness, tolerance, addiction</i> <i>for cocaine—increased temperature / chest pain, respiratory failure, nausea, abdominal pain, strokes, seizures, headaches, malnutrition</i> <i>for methamphetamine—aggression, violence, psychotic behavior / memory loss, cardiac and neurological damage; impaired memory and learning, tolerance, addiction</i> <i>for methylphenidate—increase or decrease in blood pressure, psychotic episodes / digestive problems, loss of appetite, weight loss</i></p>
cocaine	<i>Cocaine hydrochloride; blow, bump, C, candy, Charlie, coke, crack, flake, rock, snow, toot</i>	II/injected, smoked, snorted	
methamphetamine	<i>Desoxyn; chalk, crank, crystal, fire, glass, go fast, ice, meth, speed</i>	II/injected, swallowed, smoked, snorted	
methylphenidate	<i>Ritalin; JIF, MPH, R-ball, Skippy, the smart drug, vitamin R</i>	II/injected, swallowed, snorted	
<b>Other Compounds</b>			
anabolic steroids	<i>Anadrol, Oxandrin, Durabolin, Depo-Testosterone, Equipoise; roids, juice</i>	III/injected, swallowed, applied to skin	<i>no intoxication effects / hypertension, blood clotting and cholesterol changes, liver cysts and cancer, kidney cancer, hostility and aggression, acne; adolescents, premature stoppage of growth; in males, prostate cancer, reduced sperm production, shrunken testicles, breast enlargement; in females, menstrual irregularities, development of beard and other masculine characteristics</i>



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