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Everyday thousands of teenagers use prescription drugs to get high for the first time.



Prescription drug abuse is STILL DRUG ABUSE.

Although prescribed originally by a medical doctor, the abuse of prescription drugs have escalated into an epidemic. People somehow believe prescription drugs are harmless and not as bad as other illegal drugs, like cocaine or heroin.



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The persons that are mostly abusing prescription drugs are woman, elderly people and teenagers. Painkillers, sleeping tablets and anti-anxiety drugs are the drugs most abused.



They are classified as:

1. Stimulants

Dexedrine, Desoxyn, Ritalin, Preludin, Didrex, Plegin, Nuvigil, Tenuate, Fastin, Lonamin, Adipex, Sanorex, Mazanor, Provigil, Meridia

2. Opiates

Morphine, Pethidine

3. Tranquilizers

Major tranquilizers: *Haldol, Thorazine, Prolixin, Etrafon, Compazine*

Minor tranquilizers: *Xanax, Klonopin, Valium, Ativan*



Addiction is a chronic, often relapsing brain disease. It causes compulsive drug seeking and use despite harmful consequences to the addicted person as well as the people around that person. The abuse of drugs — even prescription drugs — leads to changes in the structure and function of the brain.

It is often one of the most difficult dependencies to recognise or diagnose. Although the medicine might be prescribed for a certain time, the body becomes accustomed to it and the user will experience withdrawal symptoms once they stop the medication. This might be so uncomfortable that the user is too scared to stop the medication. Thus an addiction to prescription medication develops.



Signs of addictive behaviour could be:

Frequent requests for refills from physicians

Losing prescriptions and requesting replacements regularly

Crushing or breaking pills

Stealing or borrowing prescription medications from family members, friends, or co-workers

Consuming prescriptions much faster than indicated

Visiting multiple doctors for similar conditions

Inconsistent answers to questions about prescription usage

Stealing or forging prescriptions

Consumption of over-the-counter drugs for the same conditions that a doctor has prescribed other medication

Ordering prescription medications over the internet

A person that is developing an addiction to prescription medication could be very irritable, especially when prescriptions are not available. They could have difficulty sleeping, suffer from mood swings and consume larger quantities of alcohol in order to cope with withdrawal symptoms.



SAFETY RULES WHEN TAKING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Always follow the prescription medication directions carefully.

Don't increase or decrease medication doses without talking with your doctor first.

Never stop taking medication on your own.

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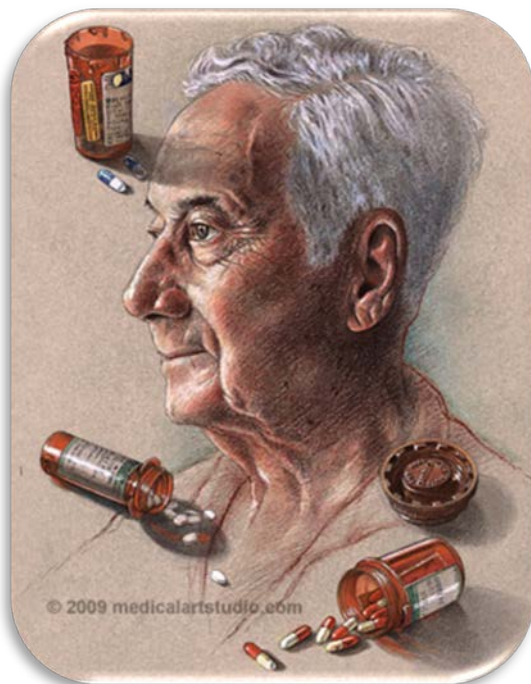


Don't crush or break pills (especially important if the pills are time-released).
Know the drug's effects on driving and other daily tasks.
Prescription medication can interact negatively with other medication or alcohol
Tell your doctor if you have a history of substance abuse.
Never allow other people to use your prescription medications and don't take theirs.



Keep prescription medication safely locked away from children, to prevent accidental overdose.
If you want to know more about prescription drug abuse, you can chat to me. The service is free and you may stay anonymous.

Add me on *BBM(7C4BB895)* or *whatsapp(082 576 9286)* for professional help.



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