

WHAT IS HEROIN?

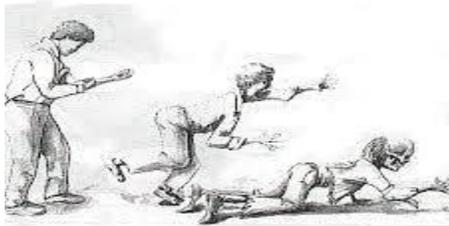
Heroin originates from the opium poppy, just as a number of other drugs do. It is manufactured by treating morphine with a variety of chemicals, which form heroin salts - a white powder known as Thai White.

IS IT ADDICTIVE?

Indeed! A person can become addicted to heroin after only a few days after using it. Withdrawal symptoms occur when one stops using the drug. In order to enjoy a "high" the person is forced to use greater quantities.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE STOPS?

Some 4 - 6 hours after the last dose, withdrawal symptoms occur in heavy users. Withdrawal symptoms can be very painful and unpleasant for some 48 - 72 hours, but not dangerous to the life of the person.



Heroin

THE PERSON CAN SUFFER FROM:

- Stomach cramps
- Diarrhoea
- Muscular aches and pains
- Shortness of breath
- Sweating
- Trembling/shaking
- Dizziness
- Nausea & vomiting
- Goose-flesh from feeling very cold ("Cold turkey")

THE EFFECTS OF HEROIN?

- Slowed breathing
- Nausea and vomiting
- Confused thoughts
- Women can have a spontaneous abortion, and/or stop their menstrual cycle

Long-term Effects Include:

- Arthritis and joint pains
- Abscesses and sores
- Infectious diseases
- Infection of the heart lining and valves
- Collapsed veins
- And even death from overdosing

HOW HEROIN IS ABUSED

Studies have shown that the subjective pleasure of drug use is proportional to the rate at which the blood level of the drug increases. Intravenous injection is the fastest route of drug administration, causing blood concentrations to rise the most quickly, followed by smoking, suppository (anal or vaginal insertion), insufflation (snorting), and ingestion (swallowing).



RESEARCH FINDINGS

The Medical Research Council has revealed that 35% of heroin users are also using Tik. Some 80% of addicts seeking help nowadays are from "coloured" areas.

Some 3 years ago, 70 - 80% of users were from white middle or upper class areas.

In the past 5 years the number of users seeking help rose from 32% to 80%.

It has also become popular to take a hit of Tik and then spike (inject) some unga (heroin) a few minutes afterwards to get a better buzz.

Unga is the watered-down version of heroin. By mixing the two drugs, Tik makes the user hyper-active while heroin is a downer and makes the user feel "mellow".

Is it worth the gamble?

***BE SMART
DON'T
START!***



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