

Opium

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Opiates vs. Opioids

Opiates

- Natural
- Made from the poppy plant.
- Papaver somniferum.
- opium, morphine, codeine.

Opioids

- Synthetic.
- Created Chemically.
- oxycontin, hydrocodone, fentanyl.



Street Names

- Big O
- Black stuff
- Block
- Gum
- Hop
- Dover's powder



History Of Opium

- Poppy native to Turkey
- Used in Ancient Roman Empire as medicine
- Reached China in the 7th Century
- North American Settlers first smoked the poppy plant after imitating the First Nation practise of smoking tobacco
- Wars over Opium in China
- Use of Opium was common in China in “Opium Dens” until the Communist party came into power in 1949



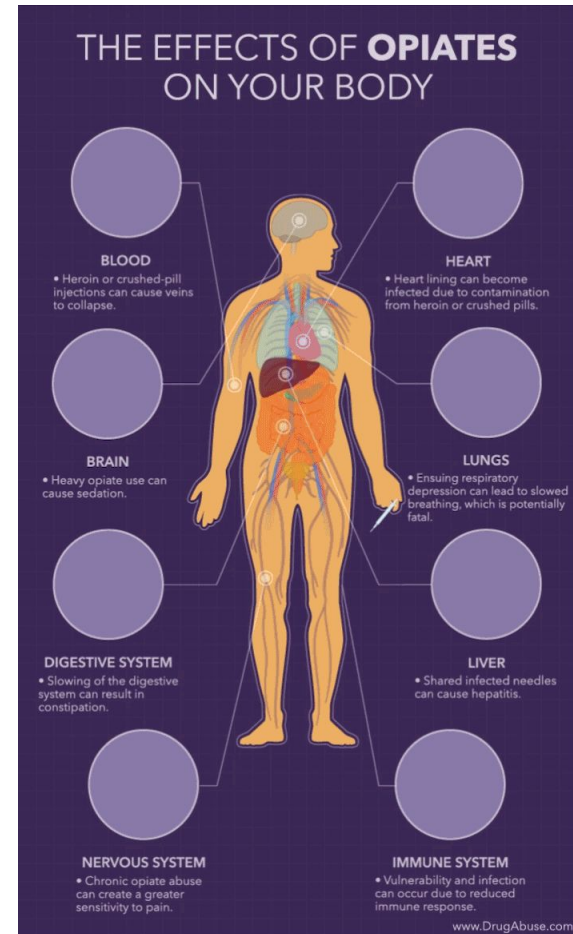


Medical Uses and Abuses of Opium

- Uses as a strong painkiller for major injuries in the form of pills.
- Pills can be easily accessible to a wide age range as a prescribed medicine.
- Crystal from from opioids can be mixed with liquid.
- Found in cough syrup
- Common street uses include Smoking and Injection

What happens when you use Opium

- Enters bloodstream
- Heart Starts pumping fast
- Brain becomes drowsy
- Slowed Breathing, Digestive System.





Long and Short Term Effects

Short Term:

- Feelings of Euphoria
- Pain Relief
- Drowsiness
- Damage is Irreversible
- Risk of Hepatitis C and HIV from shared needles

Long Term:

- Brain Damage
- Liver Damage
- Dependence



Accessibility



- 2013 15 - 20 million people used recreational (0.4% of global population)
- Women are more likely to have chronic pain, and be prescribed pain relievers, be given higher doses, and use them for longer time periods than men.
- Women may become dependent on prescription pain relievers more quickly than men.
48,000 women died of prescription pain reliever overdoses between 1999 and 2010
- People aged 12 to 17, 120,000 are currently addicted to painkillers



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