



EFFECTS OF OPIATE USE

WHAT ARE OPIATES?

- Any drug that is derived from opium...usually used in the treatment of pain
 - Morphine
 - Vicodine
 - Demerol
 - Lorcet
 - Naloxone
 - Oxycontin
 - Methadone
 - Hydrocodone
 - Suboxone
 - Heroin

INTOXICATION EFFECTS

- Drowsiness
- Euphoria
- Nausea
- Mental confusion
- Paranoia
- Slowed respiratory functions
- Depressed heart rate

LONG TERM EFFECTS

- Stomach issues- constipations, tears in the bowels, ulcers
- Increase risk of pneumonia due to suppression of breathing
- Liver damage
- Paranoia
- Kidney failure
- Muscle deterioration
- Collapse veins
- Increased sensitivity to pain
- Breakdown of the immune system

LONG TERM EFFECTS

- Infected lining of the heart- heart disease
- Aggressive/Irritable
- Mood swings
- Lack of interest in daily activities
- Anxiety
- Dental issues
- Tolerance/Addiction/Dependence
- Withdrawal
- Death