

Effects of Opiate Use

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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



*www.drugabuse.com & www.nih.gov

As opiate addiction continues to be a pandemic across the country, there are many resources available to help. If you or someone you love is struggling with opiate addiction please contact the counseling center for help and additional resources at 304-929-1237 or tech-counseling@mail.wvu.edu