Deadly in Design: New (Novel) Psychoactive Substances Update

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Objectives

At the completion of this activity, the learner should be able to:

- Recall the "classic" pills, powders, potions and paraphernalia encountered in drug seizures, emergency department presentations, and death investigations
- Describe emerging trends in the use of new (novel) psychoactive substances
- Discuss the various challenges associated with new (novel) psychoactive substances classification and identification
 Recall what is currently known about the pharmacology and toxicology of "legal highs"
- Identify common routes of controlled and new (novel) psychoactive substances administration
- Understand the limitations of clinical laboratory testing as applied to identification of new (novel) psychoactive substances
- Understand current approaches to patient treatment when new (novel) psychoactive substances use is suspected

Substance Categories Most Frequently Involved in Human Exposures (Top 25)

- Cosmetics/Personal Care Products (7.73%)
- Cleaning Substances (Household) (7.68%)
- Sedative/Hypnotics/Antipsychotics (5.85%)
- Antidepressants (4.36%)
- Antihistamines (4.01%)
- CV Drugs (3.96%)
- Foreign Bodies/Toys/Miscellaneous (3.87%)
- Pesticides (3.22%)
- Topical Preparations (3.21%)
- Alcohols (2.66%) Vitamins (2.56%)
- Cough/Cold Preparations (2.38%)

- Antimicrobials (2.20%)
- Bites and Envenomations (2.13%)
- GI Preparations (1.88%)
- Plants (1 74%)

NFLIS Laboratories

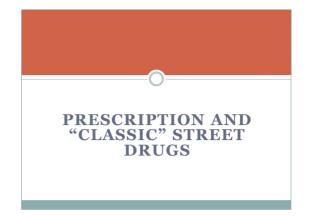
25 Most Frequently Identified Drugs*

- · Cannabis/THC
- Methamphetamine
- Cocaine
- Heroin
- Alprazolam Oxycodone
- Hydrocodone
- Buprenorphine
- Amphetamine
- Clonazepam Fentanyl
 Ethylone
- alpha-PVP

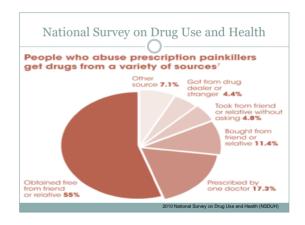
- XLR11 AB-CHMINACA
- Morphine Diazepam
- Tramadol
- Methadone
- MDMA Phencyclidine (PCP)
- · Non-controlled, non-narcotic
- Hydromorphone
- Psilocin/psilocybin
 AB-PINACA

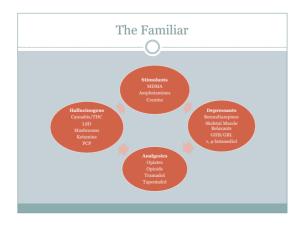
*NFLIS Midyear Report 2015















Clandestine Lab Sites

- Houses
- Apartments
- Motel Rooms
- Storage Facilities
- Barns
- Garages
- Boats

- Backpacks
- Luggage • Farms
- Vacant Buildings
- Vehicles
- Crawl Spaces
- Underground Bunkers

Opiates and Opioids



- Natural: morphine, codeine
- Semi-synthetic: heroin
- Synthetics: methadone, meperidine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, propoxyphene, nalbuphine, diphenoxylate, butorphanol, pentazocine, buprenorphine, fentanyl....

Papaver somniferum

Most Demographic Groups				Deaths are Climbing	
	2002-2004*	2011-2013*	% CHANGE		
SEX				1	
Male	2.4			Heroin-Related 2869	
Female	0.8	1.6	100%	Overdose Deaths P increa	
AGE, YEARS				(per 100,000 people) /	
12-17	1.8	1.6	-		
18-25	3.5	7.3	109%	1	
26 or older	1.2	1.9	58%		
RACE/ETHNICITY				//	
Non-Hispanic white		2	114%		
Other		3 1.7	-		
ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD	INCOME				
Less than \$20,000	3.4	5.5	62%		
\$20,000-\$49,999	1.3	2.3	77%	Heroin Addiction	
\$50,000 or more		1.6	60%	(per 1,000 people)	
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HEALTH INSURANCE C		34.46		YEAR	
None	4.2	6.7	60%		
Medicaid	4.3	4.7		SOURCES: National Survey on Drug Use and Health INSD(UR), 2002-2013. National Vital Statistics System, 2002-2013.	
Private or other	0.8	1.3	63%		











Adulterants and Diluents

- Adulterant-substances added to the analyte of interest with the intent of altering its character in some way. An adulterant will typically have some pharmacologic action of its own.
- Diluent-those substances *devoid* of physiologic effects that are added to increase the bulk of the final product.

A Few Adulterants

- Quinine
- Diphenhydramine
- Caffeine
- Acetaminophen
- Aspirin
- Niacinamide
- Diltiazem
- Levamisole
- mCPP

- Benzocaine
- Tetracaine
- Procaine
- Cocaine
- Lidocaine
- Methamphetamine
- MDA
- Clenbuterol
- Fentanyl
- Acetyl Fentanyl.....

With A Few Diluents

- Lactose
- Sodium Bicarbonate
- Sodium Chloride
- Mannitol
- Flour
- Cornstarch
- Dextrose
- Dimethylsulfone.....





NEW (NOVEL) PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND TRENDS IN THEIR USE

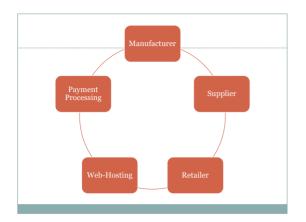
Definition

New psychoactive substance: a new narcotic or psychotropic drug, in pure form or in preparation, that is not controlled by the 1961 United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs or the 1971 United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances, but which may pose a public health threat comparable to that posed by substances listed in these conventions. (Council Decision 2005/387/JHA)

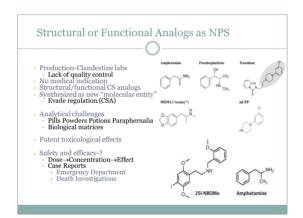




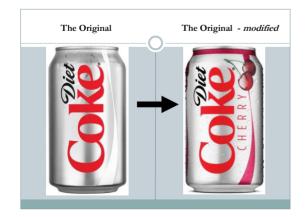












Building the Case
Information Sources-Drug Use and Toxicity

Pharmacological studies (in vitro)
Animal studies
Self-reports/social media/crowdsourcing
Published case reports
Pre-hospital emergency services data
Emergency department presentations
Poison Center services
Data collection through specialist centers

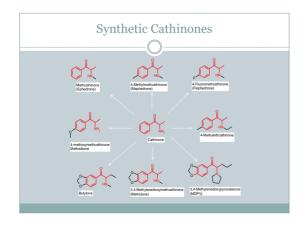
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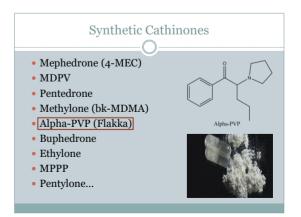
SYNTHETIC CATHINONES
PIPERAZINES
PHENETHYLAMINES
NBOME SERIES

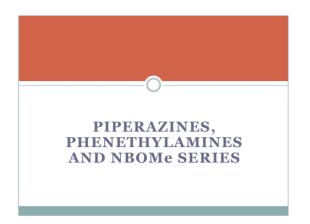
SYNTHETIC CATHINONES ("BATH SALTS")

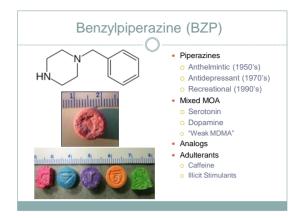
Khat and the Synthetic Cathinones Khat-contains the naturally occurring alkaloid cathinone, an amphetamine-like compound with stimulant, anorexic and euphoriant properties; synthetic cathinones bear a similar structural relationship to the naturally occurring compound



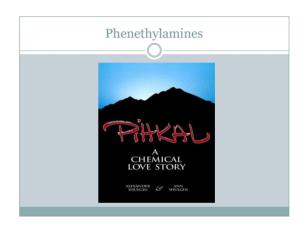


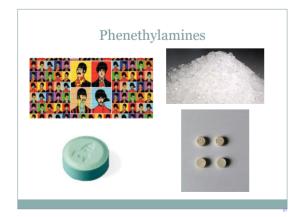


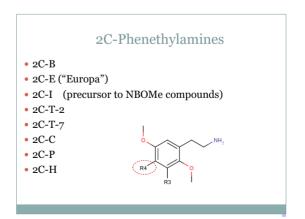


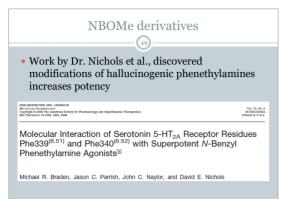




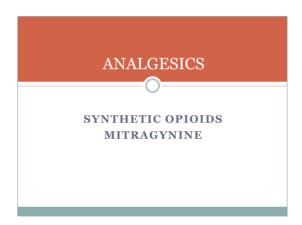


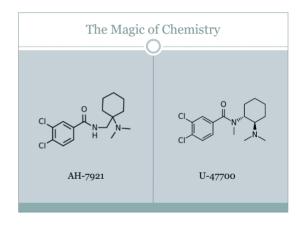








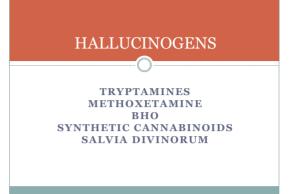


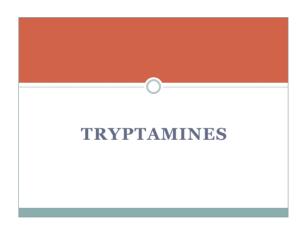


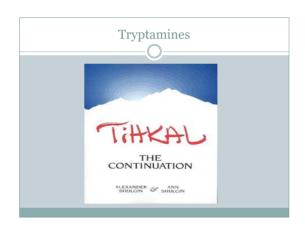
Name	Medical Use	Pharmaceutical Name
Acetyl-alphamethylfentanyl	None	
Alfentanil	Surgical analgesic, anesthetic	Alfenta, Rapifen
alpha-methylfentanyl	None	
alpha-methylthiofentanyl	None	
beta-hydroxyfentanyl	None	
beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl	None	
Fentanyl	Analgesic, anesthetic	Sublimaze, Duragesic, Durogesic, Actiq, Effentora
3-methylfentanyl	None	
3-methylthiofentanyl	None	
para-fluorofentanyl	None	
Remifentanil	Short-acting analgesic during anesthesia	Ultiva
Sufentanil	Analgesic in anesthesia	Sufenta
Thiofentanyl	None	
Carfentanil	Immobilization of large animals (veterinary practice)	Wildnil

A Closer Look: Fentanyl Analogs
Acetyl fentanyl 16 x potency of morphine Identified alone/combo with heroin, fentanyl 14 deaths-Rhode Island (2013); PA, VA, NC, SC, LA Cross-reactivity with ELISA Butyryl fentanyl 7 x potency of morphine Not scheduled; controlled substance analog 5 deaths-MD (2015) Cross-reactivity with ELISA beta-hydroxythiofentanyl Synthesized directly from thiofentanyl 10 deaths-South Florida (early 2015) No cross-reactivity with ELISA (< 50 ng/mL)







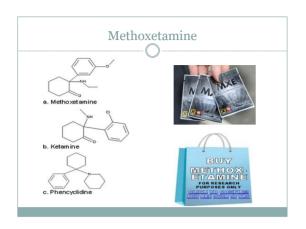




Tryptamines • 5-MeO-AMT • 5-MeO-DET • 5-MeO-DIPT • 4-MeO-MIPT • 5-MT • 4-ACO-DMT • 5-MeO-DMT • AMT • DPT • 5-MeO-MIPT

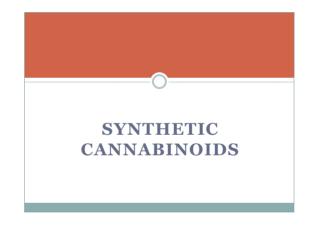
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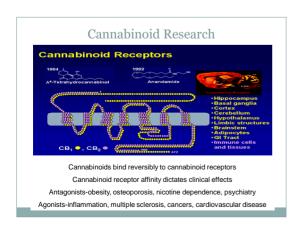
• 5-MeO-DPT



BUTANE HONEY OIL (BHO)

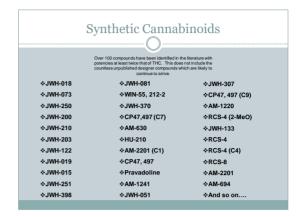


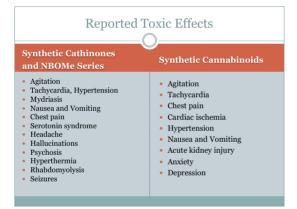










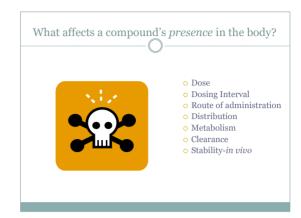


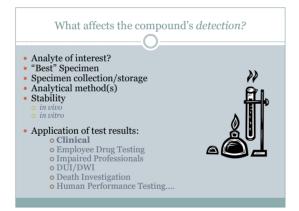


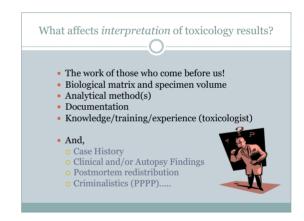
















Serious Adverse Event

Serious adverse event means any adverse event associated with consumption of a new psychoactive substance in a human that:

- · results in death;
- is life-threatening;
- requires hospitalization;
- results in persistent or significant disability or incapacity;
- consists of a congenital abnormality or birth defect;
- or is an important medical event that may not be immediately life-threatening or result in death or hospitalization but may jeopardize the patient or may require intervention to prevent one of the other outcomes listed above, should also be considered dangerous.

New Psychoactive Substances in Europe-2015

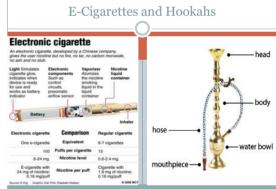
We are concerned about....

- · New psychoactive substances
- New to the market Newly misused
- Changes in purity of established CS
- Nature of adulterants/diluents in established CS
 - Cocaine and Levamisolo
- · Substitutions in CS
- Heroin sold as Cocaine Fentanyl sold as Heroin
- · New forms of use
- sistration of synthetic cathinones
- Fatal/non-fatal intoxications
- · Large seizures

Parting Thoughts

- · Illicit drug market-evolving
- · Market place: physical space to online
- Patterns of Use?
 - Acute-young, healthy, experimental attitudes
- o Chronic-adding NPS; lack of drugs of choice?
- · Acute NPS toxicity-similar to "classic" drugs
 - Patient managemer
- Symptomatic and supportive care Duration of action appears longer
- Not all NPS are synthetics
- o If "natural" it must be safe





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