

What you should know about the Misuse of Prescription Drugs

According to the National Survey on Drug Use & Health (2003)

The non-medical use of prescription drugs has increased 5% in those over twelve

The lifetime and current non-medical use of prescription drugs has increased 15% in those 18-25

6.3 million people currently use prescriptions drugs non-medically (2.7% of those over 12)

Of those using psychotherapeutic drugs . . .

1.2 million used stimulants including methamphetamin

4.7 million reported the misuse of pain relievers

1.8 million reported the misuse of Tranquilizers

And 300,000 reported the misuse of sedatives

The lifetime non-medical use of

- Vicodin, Lortab and Lorcet has increased (13.1 to 15.7 million)
- Hydrocodon has increased (4.5 to 5.7 million)
- OxyCotin has increased (1.9 to 2.8 million)
- Methadon has increased (900,000 to 2.8 million)
- Tramadol has increased (52,000 to 186,000)