

Drug Addiction

Outline:

1. What are drugs?
2. How drugs stimulate our senses?
3. Effects of drugs on personality.
4. Consequences of drug addiction.
5. Health Problems.
6. International efforts to control drugs.

Introduction

The distinction between medicines and sensual drugs is simple. Sensual drugs are those that our body has no use for, but they give the user strong sense of pleasure. Sensual drugs activate the brain's pleasure centers. The brain governs sensations, moods, thoughts, and actions, not by a magical process, but by an incredibly complex series of chemically regulated controls. These are easily upset by sensual drugs. The drug user's craving for the drug continues, but he gets less and less satisfaction. His brain's pleasure reflexes seem to be weakened by artificial stimulation. In severe addiction the pleasure mechanisms fail to respond to drug stimulation. The drug then gives only relative relief from misery and suspends the illness of withdrawal. The drug addict experiences a general feeling of discomfort and his personality changes. He feels depressed and does not respond to his environment or people that surround him. His mental disturbance is similar to paranoia. The drug addict often overlooks the consequences that he will have to face. Possible results range from incidental