

The background of the entire slide is a dense, repeating pattern of various pharmaceutical pills and capsules. The colors include shades of pink, light blue, yellow, and white, with some capsules having two different colors (e.g., white and pink). The pills are scattered across the entire surface.

Substituting Barbiturates.

Bumming on Benzodiazepines

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PSYCHOLOGY

Psychological Effects

- **Licit Uses:** Prescribed drugs for sedative-hypnotic, anti-anxiety, muscle relaxant, etc... Adjunct to anesthesia & treatment for alcohol withdrawal. They can be in the form of tablets or syrup.
- **Illicit Uses:** Cocaine addicts use them to relieve side effects with cocaine binges. Doses used usually exceed the recommended therapeutic dose.
- Most often used to treat panic disorder & social anxiety disorder
- **Examples:** Xanax, Klonopin, Ativan



Health

Health Effects

- Side effects are worse than the “benefits” Barbiturates give someone.
- Barbiturates are stronger than sleeping pills and tranquilizers. They reduce the amount of activity in the brain and central nervous system.
- Like all drugs, barbiturates are more dangerous, possibly even fatal, when abused.
- Over long periods of time, they can cause liver damage and blood problems. Barbiturates also can effect memory, judgment, and can cause depression, anger, mood swings, and fatigue.
- If you stop taking them, like withdrawal, you can experience sleeping problems, irritability, restlessness, and even death



Economy

Economical Effects

- **In 1959, 819,060 pounds of barbiturates was worth 40 million dollars.**
- **8 billion amphetamine tablets a year with at least 50 per. cent going into the illicit market.**
- **Valued in retail drug price at \$50,000 and an estimated worth on the black market of as much as \$500,000.**



Government

Government Effects

- Barbiturates and Benzodiazepines are a Schedule two, three, and four drug
- These drugs all require doctors note
- Illegal possession may result in imprisonment and fine
- Distributer will be given longer sentence and bigger fine
- If person killed by drug, distributer will be charged with murder with a lifetime imprisonment

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