Prescription Drug Abuse

Get the TRxUTH
Medications are helpful when used under medical supervision...

but when used without the guidance of a health professional, it’s a prescription for disaster.

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In the U.S., the abuse of prescription drugs now exceeds the abuse of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and ecstasy combined.

STOP

The traditional college student is at the average age when prescription drug abuse starts.

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MYTH:
Everyone else is abusing prescription drugs.

FACT:
College students often perceive that their peers are abusing prescription drugs to a greater extent than they really are.

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MYTH:
Since they are prescribed by a doctor, prescription drugs can only be helpful.

FACT:
Any drug has the potential to cause harm, especially when used without medical supervision.

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MYTH:
Abusing prescription drugs is a safe alternative to using “street” drugs.

FACT:
Unintentional drug poisonings (over 90% of which involve prescription medications) are the second leading cause of accidental death in the U.S.

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MYTH:
Abusing prescription drugs is a legal alternative to using “street” drugs.

WRONG WAY

FACT:
It’s a federal offense to possess a medication like Vicodin®, OxyContin®, Xanax®, Valium®, Ritalin®, and Adderall® that is not prescribed for you.
MYTH: Prescription drugs like OxyContin® or Vicodin® are non-addictive.

FACT: Drug treatment admissions for addictions to prescription pain medications increased 300% between 1995 & 2005.

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MYTH:
It’s okay to use someone else’s prescription drugs as long as you’re not trying to get “high”.

FACT:
No matter the reason of use, prescription drugs should be used only under the supervision of a medical professional.

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Prescriptions are not suggestions!

CAUTION

FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS DISPENSING WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION

The government requires a prescription for many medications in order to reduce the potential for harm — Don’t use someone else’s prescription medications.

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Take a look at their chemical structures...

OxyContin®

Heroin

Valium®

“Roofies”

they’re more similar than you might think!

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Where can I get help?

Prevention & Wellness ........................ 590-7733
Right-hand side, Wellness Center
www.studentservices.fgcu.edu/wellness

Counseling & Psychological Services........ 590-7950
FGCU Howard Hall 239
www.studentservices.fgcu.edu/counseling

Peers C.A.R.E.................................. 590-7733
Right-hand side, Wellness Center
www.studentservices.fgcu.edu/wellness

SWFL Addiction Services...................... 332-6937
3763 Evans Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33901
www.swfas.org

David Lawrence Center....................... 455-8500
6075 Bathey Lane, Naples, FL 34116
www.davidlawrencecenter.org

Alcoholics Anonymous....................... 275-5111
12734 Kenwood Lane, Suite 79
Ft. Myers, FL 33907
www.leecountyaa.org

Lee Mental Health Center.................... 275-3222
2789 Ortiz Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33905
www.leementalhealth.org

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