

METH & SYPHILIS

WHAT IS METH?

Methamphetamine (meth) is a **highly addictive** stimulant created in an underground lab using **toxic ingredients**. It can be swallowed, snorted, injected, or smoked.



WHAT ARE THE COMMON STREET NAMES?

Batu, Bikers Coffee, Black Beauties, Chalk, Chicken Feed, Crank, Crystal, Glass, Go-Fast, Hiropon, Ice, Meth, Methlies Quick, Poor Man's Cocaine, Shabu, Shards, Speed, Stove Top, Tina, Trash, Tweak, Uppers, Ventana, Vidrio, Yaba, and Yellow Bam



WHY DO PEOPLE START USING METH?

- Mood altering:** people use meth for the powerful high, ability to stay awake to study and to have a good time. People with depression use it in attempt to feel better.
- Increased productivity:** people turn to the drug for its hyperactivity effect.
- Appetite suppressant:** people who want to be thin use meth to reduce their appetite.

WHY DO PEOPLE CONTINUE TO USE METH?

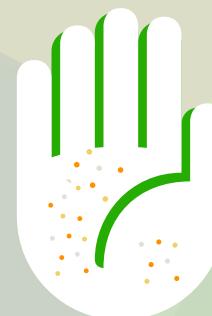
- Meth is at least as **addictive** as heroin.
- Meth **triggers dependency** faster than almost all other illegal drugs.
- It's three times as powerful as cocaine and it is among the **hardest drugs to permanently quit**.
- People can become addicted even after only one or two uses.



HOW IS METH AND SYPHILIS RELATED?

- Methamphetamine increases **risk-taking** behaviors.
- Including **sexual risk** behaviors: having multiple partners, **inconsistent condom use**, and exchanging sex for **money or drugs**.
- Babies** are born with the disease after contracting it from their mother.

WHAT EFFECT DOES SYPHILIS HAVE ON YOUR BODY?



Among adults, the first symptom of syphilis is a sore or ulcer at the site of infection. If undetected, it can develop into flu-like symptoms and a rash all over the body, including the palms and soles of the feet. Untreated babies with syphilis can go blind, be developmentally delayed, or even die.

HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?

- In 2018, **1.9 million** people reported using meth in the last year.
- 1 million** people reported using meth in the last month.
- California has the **second-highest** syphilis rates in the country.



WHERE CAN I GO FOR HELP?



ADS Adult System of Care: (916) 874-9754
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Assessments are done on a walk-in basis.