

Addictiveness of Marijuana vs. Five Commonly Used Drugs

HIGHLIGHTS:

Three Doctors Rate the Addictivity of Six Substances (1.=Most Addictive¹)

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1. Heroin	1. Heroin	1. Nicotine
2. Alcohol	2. Cocaine	2. Alcohol
3. Cocaine	3. Alcohol	3. Heroin
4. Nicotine	4. Nicotine	4. Cocaine (Nasal)
5. Marijuana & Caffeine	5. Caffeine	5. Caffeine
	6. Marijuana	6. Marijuana

¹ The ordinal rating of addictiveness presented in this table is based on the criteria in table IIA.

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