

addiction. A psychological or physical dependence on a drug.

alcoholism. An addiction to alcohol.

amphetamine. A stimulant drug.

anabolic steroid. An artificial hormone used to build a more muscular body.

cirrhosis. A liver disease in which liver cells die, causing the liver to lose its ability to work.

depressant. A drug that decreases the activity of the central nervous system.

designer drug. A lab-created imitation of an illegal drug.

drug. Any substance other than food or water that changes the way the body or mind operates.

drug abuse. The deliberate use of a drug or chemical substance for other than medical reasons and in such a way that the person's health or ability to function is threatened.

drug misuse. Unintentionally using a medicine in a manner that could cause harm to the individual.

ergogenic aids. Any substances designed to enhance strength and endurance.

food-drug interaction. A physical or chemical effect a drug has on a food or a food has on a drug.

generic drug. A drug available under its generic name.

hallucinogen. A drug that causes the mind to create images that do not really exist.

illegal drug. A drug that is unlawful to buy or use.

inhalant. A substance that is inhaled for its mind-numbing effects.

medicine. A drug used to treat an ailment or improve a disabling condition.

narcotic. A drug that brings on sleep, relieves pain, or dulls the senses.

opiate. A narcotic drug, such as codeine, morphine, opium, or heroin, made from the opium poppy.

overdose. Taking an unsafe quantity of a drug.

over-the-counter (OTC) drug. A legal drug that can be bought without a prescription written by a physician.

prescription drug. A medicine that can only be obtained from a pharmacy with a written order from a doctor.

psychoactive drug. A drug that affects the central nervous system.

secondhand smoke. The smoke released into the air by someone smoking that is inhaled by another individual as he or she breathes.

side effect. A reaction caused by a drug that differs from the drug's desired effect.

smokeless tobacco. Tobacco products that are not intended to be smoked, such as chewing tobacco or snuff.

stimulant. A kind of psychoactive drug that speeds up the nervous system.

tolerance. The ability of the body and mind to become less responsive to a drug.

withdrawal. Symptoms experienced by a person who stops taking a drug to which he or she is addicted.