

Opioid Addiction Leads to Alternative Drug Abuse



AS EFFORTS TO LIMIT PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS INTENSIFY, MORE ADDICTS ARE TURNING TO OVER-THE-COUNTER LOPERAMIDE TO GET HIGH

Addicts who are unable to access traditional opioids have substituted over-the-counter loperamide (also sold under the brand name Imodium®). This substance binds to opioid receptors and, in high doses, produces opioid-like euphoria. Loperamide's accessibility, low cost, over-the-counter legal status and lack of social stigma all contribute to its potential for abuse. Overdoses have been linked to deaths and life-threatening arrhythmias.

2533B Loperamide and Metabolite, Blood 2533SP Loperamide and Metabolite, Serum/Plasma

NMS Labs offers testing for loperamide, which is not detected in routine drug screens. Test results may be instrumental to clinical diagnosis or cause of death determination.

Drugs of Abuse Testing

NMS Labs offers drugs of abuse testing for clients such as Reference Labs, Hospital Laboratories, Medical Personnel, Medical Examiners/Coroners and the Military. Categories of abused drugs and specific agents include:

Drugs with no medical utility:

- K2, Spice and other Synthetic Cannabinoids
- "Bath Salts" and other Designer Stimulants
- Piperazines (BZP, TFMPP, mCPP)
- Hallucinogens
- GHB
- 1,1-Difluoroethane (DFE)

OTC Medications:

- Dextromethorphan
- Loperamide
- NSAIDs

Prescription drugs:

- Amphetamines
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Methylphenidate and Metabolite
- Pain Medications

Other Drugs of Abuse Testing Available:

- Drug screens
- Meconium testing
- Umbilical Cord Tissue testing

Contact an NMS Labs representative today for more information.

