

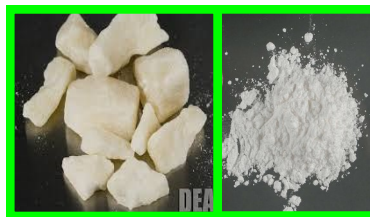


# Cocaine



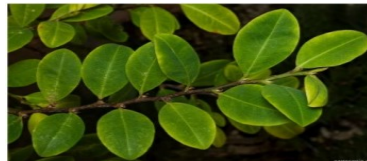
## What is it?

- ◆ Cocaine is a highly addictive drug that is made from the leaves of the coca plant.
- ◆ Cocaine is a powerful stimulant, meaning that it speeds up vital body functions
- ◆ Coke is a strong Central Nervous System (CNS) stimulant that increases chemical levels in the brain
- ◆ Long-term use of cocaine can cause permanent changes in different systems of the brain
- ◆ Once a person begins using cocaine, it has proven almost impossible to become free of its grips physically and mentally



## Street Names

- ◆ Blow
- ◆ Coke
- ◆ Charlie
- ◆ C
- ◆ Mojo
- ◆ Nose Candy
- ◆ Paradise
- ◆ Sneeze
- ◆ Sniff
- ◆ Snow
- ◆ Toot



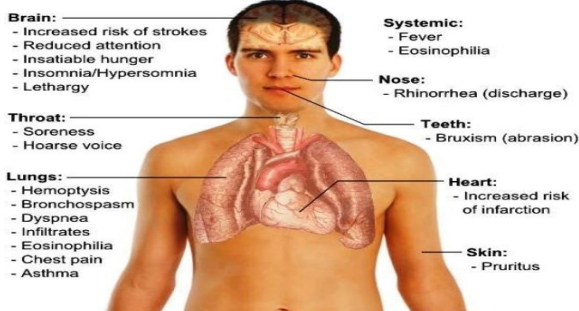
## How is it used?

- ◆ The powdered form is either **inhaled (snorted)** through the nose or dissolved in water and **injected** into the blood stream
- ◆ Crack cocaine which appears in the form of a hard rock crystal can be **smoked**
- ◆ The intensity and duration of cocaine's effects depends on the way it's administered
- ◆ In order to sustain the "high" people who use cocaine often use the drug in a binge pattern, taking the drug repeatedly within a short time frame

## What are the side effects?

- ◆ Increased heart rate, blood pressure, and body temperature
- ◆ Seizures
- ◆ Cardiac arrest (heart attack)
- ◆ Hyper stimulation
- ◆ Bizarre, erratic, violent behavior
- ◆ Anxiety, paranoia, and depression
- ◆ Liver, kidney, and lung damage
- ◆ Severe tooth decay
- ◆ Respiratory failure
- ◆ Auditory and tactile hallucinations
- ◆ Permanent damage to blood vessels of heart and brain
- ◆ Death

Side effects of chronic use of Cocaine



## Did you Know?

- ◆ In the late 1800's when Coca-Cola was first produced, cocaine was an active ingredient in the soda
- ◆ The "high" from snorting cocaine may last 12 to 30 minutes; the high from smoking may last 5 to 10 minutes and helped contribute to the trademark name that we know today.
- ◆ The term "crack" in crack cocaine refers to the crackling sound produced by the rock as it is heated
- ◆ Next to methamphetamine (meth) cocaine creates the greatest psychological dependence of any drug
- ◆ People who use cocaine put themselves at risk for contracting HIV

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