

METHAMPHETAMINE QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. The most potent form of methamphetamine is called Ice or Crystal. <u>98%</u> of people who smoke crystal methamphetamine (ice) become addicted to it within one year.
- 2. In the early stages of addiction, each high seems <u>better</u> than before. You think you have control over your drug intake.
- 3. At first, the crash is just a mild depression lasting a day or two.

How Methamphetamine Works in the Brain

- 1. A huge surge of dopamine is what causes the high.
- 2. After using meth for a while, the crash lasts for <u>7-14</u> days. You feel achy, depressed, grouchy, tired, hungry, intense anxiety.
- 3. Cell-A Dopamine transporters that scream for too long can't talk.
- 4. Cell-B Dopamine receptors that are hyperstimulated are destroyed.
- 5. When receptors are destroyed, you don't get high anymore.

Midbrain Personality Centers

- 1. Does methamphetamine cause holes in the brain? Yes
- 2. How long does it take for methamphetamine to kill cells in the self-control tract? 1 night (2 ½ hours to 4 days)

Personality Changes

- 1. Addicts are unable to control their emotions. Fear turns into paranoia.
- 2. Addicts have hallucinations and delusions. We call that "methamphetamine psychosis."
- 3. Addicts have hallucinators and flashbacks. They go for days without sleep.
- 4. Addicts have the itchies and the twitchies, and they become hyperactive and fidgety.
- 5. Addicts lose their appetite and lose a lot of weight. Their hair and teeth fall out.
- 6. Addicts lose their memory and cannot remember how to do a job.
- 7. Addicts become profoundly depressed. The depression lasts for 12-18 months.
- 8. Abstinence means to quit all drugs. Over 12-18 months, symptoms improve.

Responsible Choices

- 1. If the only friends you have are drug users, you will do it too. You are responsible for your choice of friends.
- 2. 20. It hurts so bad to get off meth, nobody is going to do it until it hurts worse to keep using.