

peers and only 23 percent had been introduced to amphetamines by a drug dealer.

Fifteen percent of all the drug abusers we interviewed had histories of abusing phenmetrazine—Preludin. Not unexpectedly those who abuse phenmetrazine were most frequently introduced to the drug by friends or peers.

Amphetamine abuse in Miami has shown the epidemic characteristics since 1968. There is some evidence that the abuse of phenmetrazine—Preludin—and phentermine—Ionamin and Fastin—may be becoming popular substitutes for the amphetamines.

Amphetamine abuse in Greensboro is an endemic or stable problem with drug dealers more frequently introducing new users than in any other city we studied. Phenmetrazine (Preludin) abuse has become a popular drug of abuse and appears to be primarily imported from the Washington area.

The amphetamine epidemics Washington has experienced in the past may have been replaced by the abuse of phenmetrazine—Preludin.

Amphetamine abuse in New York City is an endemic or stable problem when viewed in its totality with microepidemics occurring within neighborhoods. Our data are too sparse, however, to identify these neighborhoods in time and place.

Amphetamine abuse in Atlantic City is an endemic or stable problem. Phenmetrazine—Preludin—abuse may also have become endemic.

Amphetamine abuse in Des Moines was probably epidemic during the 1966–71 period when it probably became endemic. Phenmetrazine—Preludin—abuse has become epidemic. Des Moines was one of the few cities we studied which reflected considerable experimentation with a wide range of amphetamine related drugs.

Amphetamine abuse in Kansas City is an endemic or stable problem. Phenmetrazine—Preludin—abuse has, however, shown the characteristics of contagious transmission.

Amphetamine abuse in Phoenix can be viewed as epidemic and probably has been since 1968. Phenmetrazine—Preludin—abuse is probably endemic or stable.

Amphetamine abuse in San Francisco can be viewed as epidemic and has been since 1966. Phenmetrazine—Preludin—abuse is probably endemic or stable.

In summary, our study among known drug abusers indicates the continued popularity of the amphetamines as drugs of abuse.

In addition, the abuse of phenmetrazine—Preludin—has become epidemic in some cities and appears to be spreading into others.

SENATOR NELSON. You are saying 2 million used the amphetamines?

DR. CHAMBERS. Ostensibly for weight control.

SENATOR NELSON. But in fact as a stimulant?

DR. CHAMBERS. Yes, sir. They made them feel good.

MR. GORDON. Do you have any figures showing the use of these drugs by income groups?

DR. CHAMBERS. I have by socioeconomic group.

The groups break the population by parental education, income and occupational. This is in a sense "economic," and it appears that amphetamines prescribed for their energizer effect, do show major social-