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A Kent, Ohio, dispensing and prescribing physician, ordered over 200,000 dosage units of amphetamine products during a two-year period commencing in October, 1974. This practitioner's practice is approximately 20% weight control, of which about 20% are being treated with amphetamine products. His patients are maintained on amphetamines from two (2) to four (4) months and he believes that FDA's short term guidelines are too strict.

A Cleveland, Ohio, prescribing physician, prescribed over 90,000 dosage units of amphetamine products for a 15-month period commencing May 1, 1975, to August, 1976. This physician's practice is approximately 90% weight control. Prescriptions screened at a local pharmacy show that the doctor was maintaining patients on amphetamine products for the entire 15-month period. The doctor contends that the amphetamine products that he uses, Delcobese 5-20 mg., are not habit-forming; and, therefore, he is not concerned with FDA guidelines.