

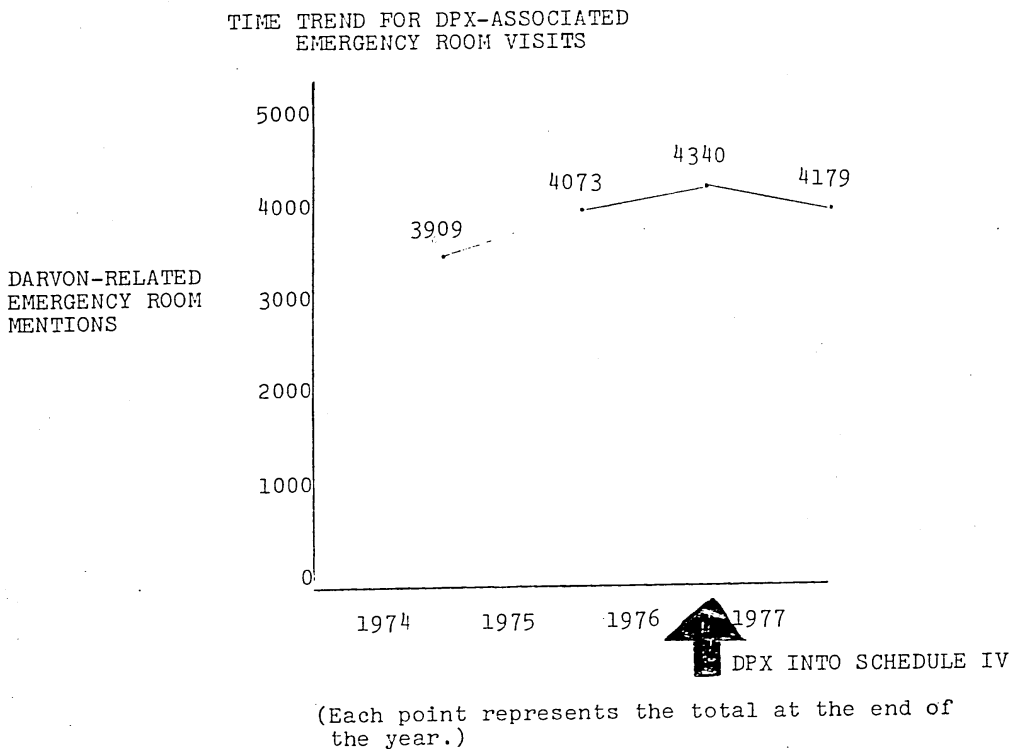
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For example, Phoenix, the leading U.S. metropolitan area--as far as DPX-associated death rates--had 81 deaths during that interval. With an area population of 1.218 million the rate was found to be 81 divided by 1.218 or 66.5 deaths per million.

At the other end of the list of metropolitan areas is New Orleans. Its DPX-death rate is 8.2 per million or less than 1/8 that of Phoenix.

Inspection of the time-trend of DAWN emergency room reports, as seen in Figure 1B, reveals that there has also been no remarkable decline since Schedule IV controls were imposed early in 1977.⁶²

FIGURE 1B



Clearly the controls of Schedule IV have not significantly diminished the reported abuse of this drug. Moreover, since the DAWN statistics only account for approximately 30% of U.S. population with 582 emergency rooms and 103 medical examiners (coroners)