

# 16720 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

## Drug-Related Deaths in Relation to Availability of Drugs\*

|                               | 1975-1977<br>DAWN ME<br>Mentions | Mentions/<br>Million<br>Prescriptions** | CSA<br>Schedule |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Heroin                        | 4618                             | N.A.                                    | I               |
| Alcohol plus other<br>drugs   | 4059                             | N.A.                                    | 0               |
| Propoxyphene                  | 1642                             | 15                                      | IV              |
| Diazepam                      | 1300                             | 8                                       | IV              |
| Methadone                     | 1296                             | N.A.                                    | II              |
| Secobarbital                  | 1229                             | 259                                     | II              |
| Amitriptyline<br>formulations | 958                              | 18                                      | 0               |
| Pentobarbital                 | 947                              | 178                                     | II              |
| Seco/Amobarbital              | 821                              | 234                                     | II              |
| Phenobarbital                 | 815                              | 31                                      | IV              |
| Codeine                       | 621                              | 5                                       | II, III         |
| Aspirin                       | 530                              | N.A.                                    | 0               |
| Amobarbital                   | 451                              | 416                                     | II              |
| Ethchlorvynol                 | 441                              | 75                                      | IV              |
| Glutethimide                  | 318                              | 47                                      | III             |
| Meprobamate                   | 274                              | 10                                      | IV              |

\* Drugs which accounted for 74% of DAWN Medical Examiner mentions.

\*\* Mentions were collected from Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas which include approximately a third of the population. Prescription data was collected nationwide. The number of deaths per million prescriptions would be proportionately higher for each drug if nationwide death statistics were available.

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captioned Totals For Grouped Years.