

16982 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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Propoxyphene associated cases peaked in 1975 and are now stable, or even decreasing slightly, as follows:

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
DPX Only	2	5	5	4	7	9	3
MULTIPLE DRUGS	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL	13	10	16	26	13	20	16

The Suicide, Accident Manner of Death has not changed since the Finkle study.

There are more DPX associated deaths than Heroin at this site, since 1975.

In the first half of 1977: 8 DPX (4 DPX only and 4 Multi-drug) against 1 Heroin death.

In 1978: 11 intravenous narcotism cases (9 morphine and 2 Dilaudid) 16 DPX.

Drug Frequency Pattern is as follows:

	<u>TOTAL DPX</u>	<u>HEROIN</u>	<u>TAD</u>		<u>BARBS</u>		<u>ALCOHOL</u>
			<u>ALONE</u>	<u>MIXED</u>	<u>ALONE</u>	<u>MIXED</u>	<u>ACUTE</u>
1972	13	28	3	-	10	32	-
1973	10	11	4	1	8	9	6
1974	16	9	3	1	9	13	11
1975	26	5	-	5	8	28	5
1976	13	14	4	6	4	11	16
1977	20	4	7	9	7	10	10
1978	16	9	2	20	2	13	-

The mixed drug cases are the most critical toxicologically. e.g.

1974	22 of 125 cases
1975	50 of 128 cases
1976	21 of 117 cases
1977	22 of 115 cases

All of the other observations and comments from this site match San Diego very closely. Particularly, DPX is a multi-drug case problem which is NOT revealed in DAWN, or the significance of DPX in multi-drug cases.