

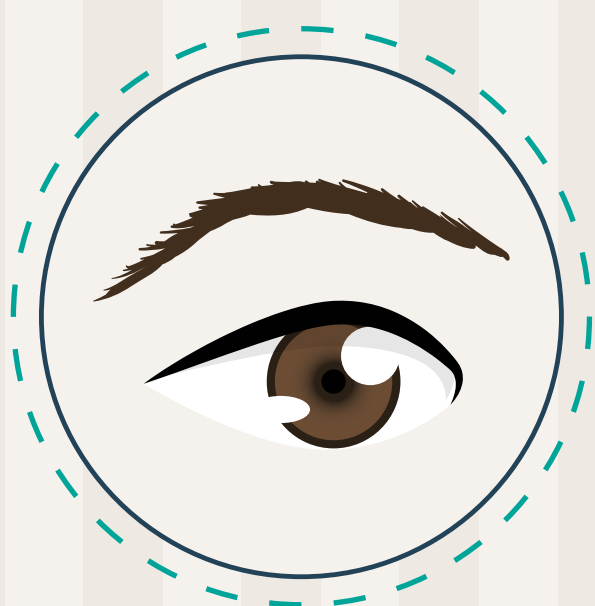
HOW TO TELL IF

Someone is Abusing or Addicted to Heroin

Heroin is a highly addictive opioid that induces euphoria, followed by a trance-like state where users may fluctuate between wakefulness and unconsciousness. Those who inject the drug usually have an addiction, and this method of use significantly increases the risk of infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis.

Once someone is addicted to heroin scoring their next dose will become more important than anything else, yet they may still go to great lengths to hide the addiction from loved ones. However, certain physical and behavioural changes can alert you to the problem.

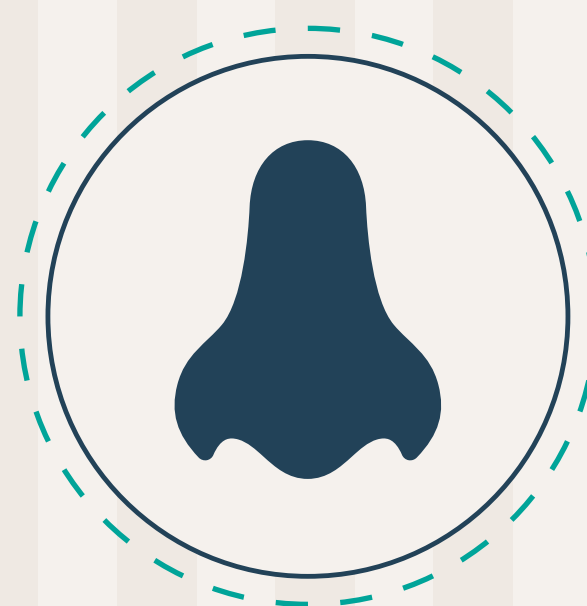
Physical Signs of Heroin Abuse



Constricted
or Pinpoint Pupils



Slowed Breathing



Runny Nose
(from snorting the drug)



Itchy Skin
or Track Marks



Flushed Skin



Weight Loss



Nausea or Vomiting



Neglected Hygiene



Slurred
or Slow Speech

Behavioural Signs of Heroin Abuse



Nodding Off:
Entering in and out of
Consciousness



Slurred Speech



Memory Loss



**Deteriorated Decision
Making Ability**



**Heavy Limbs
and Slow Movement**



**Social Isolation
from Family and Friends**



Without treatment heroin addiction is life-threatening. Prolonged use can lead to serious health problems including infections, stroke, organ failure, overdose and death. Identifying the signs of heroin addiction can be the first step to starting a life-saving discussion about heroin abuse and helping your loved one get into treatment.