

# METH & SYPHILIS

## WHAT IS METH?

Methamphetamine (meth) is a **highly addictive** stimulant created in an underground lab using **toxic ingredients**. It can be swallowed, snorted, injected, or smoked.



## HOW IS METH AND SYPHILIS RELATED?

- Methamphetamine increases **risk-taking** behaviors.
- Including **sexual risk** behaviors: having multiple partners, **inconsistent** condom use, and exchanging sex for **money or drugs**.
- **Babies** are born with the disease after contracting it from their mother.



## WHAT ARE THE COMMON STREET NAMES?

Batu, Bikers Coffee, Black Beauties, Chalk, Chicken Feed, Crank, Crystal, Glass, Go-Fast, Hiropon, Ice, Meth, Methlies Quick, Poor Man's Cocaine, Shabu, Shards, Speed, Stove Top, Tina, Trash, Tweak, Uppers, Ventana, Vidrio, Yaba, and Yellow Bam



## WHAT EFFECT DOES SYPHILIS HAVE ON YOUR BODY?

Among adults, the first symptom of syphilis is a sore or ulcer at the site of infection. If undetected, it can develop into flu-like symptoms and a rash all over the body, including the palms and soles of the feet. Untreated babies with syphilis can go blind, be developmentally delayed, or even die.



## WHY DO PEOPLE START USING METH?

- **Mood altering:** people use meth for the powerful high, ability to stay awake to study and to have a good time. People with depression use it in attempt to feel better.
- **Increased productivity:** people turn to the drug for its hyperactivity effect.
- **Appetite suppressant:** people who want to be thin use meth to reduce their appetite.

## WHY DO PEOPLE CONTINUE TO USE METH?

- Meth is at least as **addictive** as heroin.
- Meth **triggers dependency** faster than almost all other illegal drugs.
- It's three times as powerful as cocaine and it is among the **hardest drugs to permanently quit**.
- People can become addicted even after only one or two uses.



## HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?

- In 2015, **1.7 million** people reported using meth in the last year.
- An estimated **600,000** people in the US are weekly users of the drug.
- California has the **second-highest** syphilis rates in the country.



## WHERE CAN I GO FOR HELP?

SACRAMENTO  
COUNTY

Alcohol & Drug Services: (916) 875-2050

### Youth Treatment Providers:

Strategies for Change: (916) 473-5764  
Another Choice, Another Chance: (916) 388-9418  
Sobriety Brings a Change: (916) 454-4242  
Rio Vista CARE, Inc: (707) 374-5243