

Dilaudid-the Next Heroin?

Narconon Warns of the Prescription Dilaudid Abuse

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Prescription drug abuse is on the rise, according to **DEA** statistics, and **Narconon Drug Rehab in GA** issued a warning that abuse of the **prescription drug Dilaudid** is rapidly growing.

Luke Catton, spokesperson for [Narconon Drug Rehab in Georgia](#), states: "**Dilaudid** is a semi-synthetic drug and both an **opiate** and a true **narcotic**, similar to [heroin](#) and other **opiates**. It is used in medicine as an alternative to **morphine**. A person who becomes addicted to **Dilaudid** most often begins for a legitimate ailment. They then unintentionally become [addicted](#)."

"Once addicted, and no longer able to get legitimate prescriptions for **Dilaudid**, they may resort to what is called doctor shopping. They will see many doctors, going to 'pain management clinics,' and pretend to be sick to obtain **Dilaudid**. [Dilaudid addiction](#) is common place in today's society and can happen to anyone."

Dilaudid is eight times strong than **morphine** and four time stronger than **heroin**. It is classified as Schedule II narcotic, meaning that it has extra potential for drug abuse and drug addiction.

In areas where **heroin** is not available, this drug is the next best substitute. One recovering addict in the **Narconon Drug Rehab Program in GA** even claimed that it was better than heroin. "It's clean, and you never know what's going to be in **heroin**."

The user may think that it is safe, but it has a large range of side effects. These include light-headedness, dizziness, sedation, constipation, nausea, vomiting, and sweating. In severe cases people may suffer fatal respiratory depression and circulatory system depression or collapse, or cardiac arrest.

They stop breathing or have a heart attack.

Since withdrawal symptoms from **Dilaudid** can occur four to five hours after the last dose, and withdrawal symptoms usually last 7 to 10 days, users may respond to the pain of Dilaudid withdrawal by taking another dose, without realizing they have become addicted.

Mr. Catton says, "We are seeing more and more people enter rehab for addiction to prescription drugs, and Dilaudid abuse is growing rapidly in the Southeastern Region. In the last year, we have seen more and more people enter our rehab for addiction to Dilaudid."

For more information on drug addiction rehabilitation or drug education, call **Narconon of GA** at 1-877-413-3073.

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