Designer drugs

- Shrooms
- Cocaine
- Meth (ecstasy)
- Mesca/tine
- LSD
- MDMA
- Psychedelics

Crystal meth

Drug tolerance and withdrawal symptoms
crystal, powder, tablet
point = 0.1 gm, $5 - 10

65% of "ecstasy" tablets contained meth in 2003
What is the current situation?
67.5% used meth
M.A.S.Y., 2004, n=126

57% used "amphetaminees"
Mocarey, 2001, n=523

Gay men

Street youth

Prince George (2002, n=1799)
Victoria, Vancouver,
sex now survey

Victoria's youth detoxification society
pregnancy

neurotoxicity

paranoid psychosis "shards"
Treatment

Follow up 6 months 

predictor of outcome 

dependence, retention, best 

motivation, interviewing 

moderate needs 

impairment, impulsiveness 

expectation, paranoia, cognitive 

engage within 24 hours 

Harm reduction

Drugs myth of "functional" 

think, decisions, behavior 

choose safer drugs 

eat, drink, sleep 

Post-treatment

prolonged depression 

comorbidity, sex 

concurrent mental health 

cognitive impairment 

psychosis, paranoia 

cycle of high/crash 

Barriers to service