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# HCV & Harm Reduction

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## COCAINE

Cocaine is extracted from coca leaves and was originally developed as a pain killer. Most often it is snorted but can also be injected or rubbed into the gums. Its main form is a white powder. It is often “cut” or mixed with things like corn starch, baking soda, amphetamines and other substances or poisons. Cocaine creates a stimulation in the brain that causes euphoria and has short lasting effects. Some side effects of cocaine can be loss of appetite, increased heart rate, body temperature and blood pressure; disturbed sleep patterns, hallucinations, reduced or erratic breathing, stroke, bleeding of the brain, heart attack and overdose. Some street names of cocaine are, “Blow,” “Coke,” “Dust,” “Nose candy” and “Snow.”

### Remember:

- Cocaine is made from the leaves of coca plants.
- Its main form is a white powder
- It can be “cut” with other things like amphetamines or fentanyl.
- Knowing what is in the drug if you are going to use it is important.
- Cocaine can become highly addictive mentally and physically.
- Some side effects are increased heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature and hallucinations.

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