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# The Facts about Heroin

## What is Heroin?

It is an opiate drug, which is processed from morphine, a naturally occurring substance extracted from the seedpod of the Asian poppy plant. Heroin usually appears as white or brown powder, however some heroin looks like black tar and is produced in Mexico.

## Street Names

H, Smack, Junk, Horse, China White, Chiva, Brown, Black Tar, Fix and Nod

## Effects- long term and short

- ❖ Slows heart function and breathing, which can lead to death
- ❖ Slows digestion, leads to constipation
- ❖ Nausea and vomiting
- ❖ Permanently damages the brain
- ❖ Sharing needles increases risk of contracting HIV/AIDS or other disease



## Addiction and Withdrawal

- ❖ Runny nose
- ❖ Heavy feeling in legs
- ❖ Horrible muscle and bone pain
- ❖ Diarrhea and vomiting
- ❖ Full body shakes
- ❖ Abdominal cramps
- ❖ Hot flashes with heavy sweating
- ❖ Cold flashes with goose bumps



**Additional Links:** [a look at heroin and opiates](#),  
[heroin and health](#), [addiction and overdose](#)