## Hard Drugs in Thailand

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## **ABSTRACT**

During the past few years the epidemic spread of heroin abuse has occupied the interest of the public. Heroin becomes the sole drug of concern. This study has covered some major types of drugs currently abused by the drug dependence population in the country. In bygone ages opium has established itself as the dominating drug of concern. However, regardless of the recurring national effort to control its use, opium still remains as a major drug widely abused in the present age. The current scene of drug widely abused in the persent age. The current scene of drug availability has been further complicated by a multiutde of other addictive drugs. Since evidence in the past more than suggest that if the causal element of drug dependence in man is still prevailed, the removal of one drug from the society will usher in new drug or drugs as replacement. In appropriate and untimely control of a drug can actually lead to the aggravation of the drug dependence problem as evident in this country when opium was replaced by heroin. Mistake in the past should be a model to avoid if effective control and prevention of drug dependence problem is the ultimate goal in the future.

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