

Methamphetamine Molecule (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N)



# METHAMPHETAMINE: FACTS AND FIGURES

## FACTS:

- Street names for methamphetamine: *meth, speed, crank, glass, ice, crystal*
- 5-7 pounds of chemical waste is produced for each pound of methamphetamine (*Oregon DHS Oregon Drug Lab Cleanup Program*)
- In 2001 Oregon had the 5<sup>th</sup> highest number of meth lab seizures in the country (*Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas*)
- Methamphetamine triggers the part of the brain responsible for pleasure, withdrawal from meth causes "anhedonia," or inability to feel pleasure
- Some of the chemicals that go into making meth: cold tablets, ether, sulfuric acid (drain cleaner), toluene (brake cleaner), hydriodic acid, hydrogen chloride gas, anhydrous ammonia
- In 2003 the top three treatment referral sources for methamphetamine users were: 25.6% probation, 13.4% self, and 14.5% court

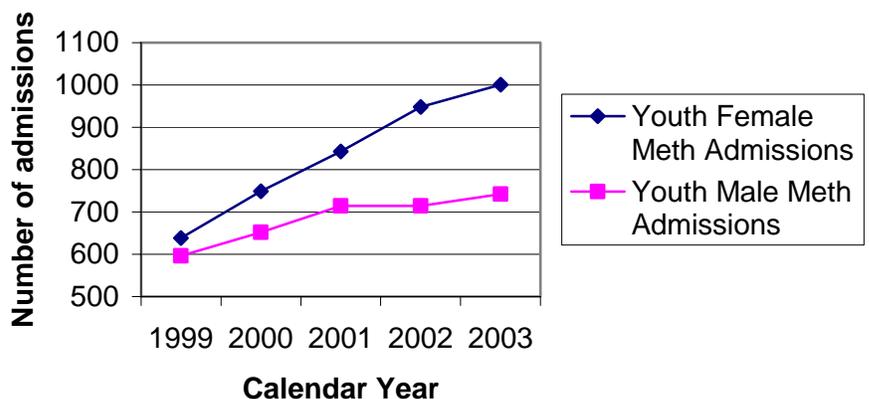
## Short-Term Effects of Methamphetamine

- *Mild hallucinations*
- *Paranoia*
- *Hypersexuality and increased high risk behavior*
- *Sleep deprivation*
- *Extreme rise in body temperature*
- *Convulsions*

## Long-Term Effects of Methamphetamine

- *Paranoia*
- *Hallucinations*
- *Stroke*
- *Severe weight loss*
- *Malnutrition*
- *Dental problems*
- *Contraction band necrosis (cardiac lesions)*

Increasing meth use among girls 17 and under



*The number and percentage of female youth treatment admissions has continued to increase. From 638 in 1999 to 1001 in 2004, a 57% increase! (CPMS data)*

## Recovery Works!

"I hope and pray that I will stay clean and ultimately with God I KNOW that I can! I can honestly say this has been the hardest month of my life but I want a normal life. I have three children who deserve so much more than what they were getting! I want to find the person I used to be before crack. I want to be me again..."  
-Alicia

"It was a long hard road, but I have come so far and I don't ever want to go back. I love to come home from work and have two little boys running to hug me... That's what life should be all about, not the nightmare I was living before. It takes a lot of strength to want to walk away and if I can do it I believe anyone can..."  
-Candie

from crystalrecovery.com

## Treatment saves money and lives!

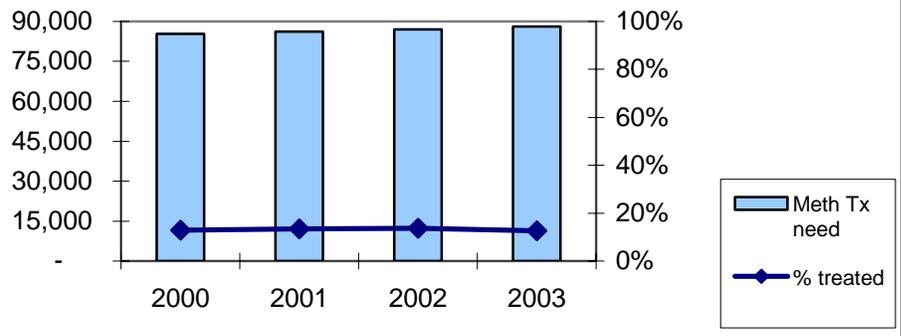
For information on treatment effectiveness see:

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[www.datos.org](http://www.datos.org)  
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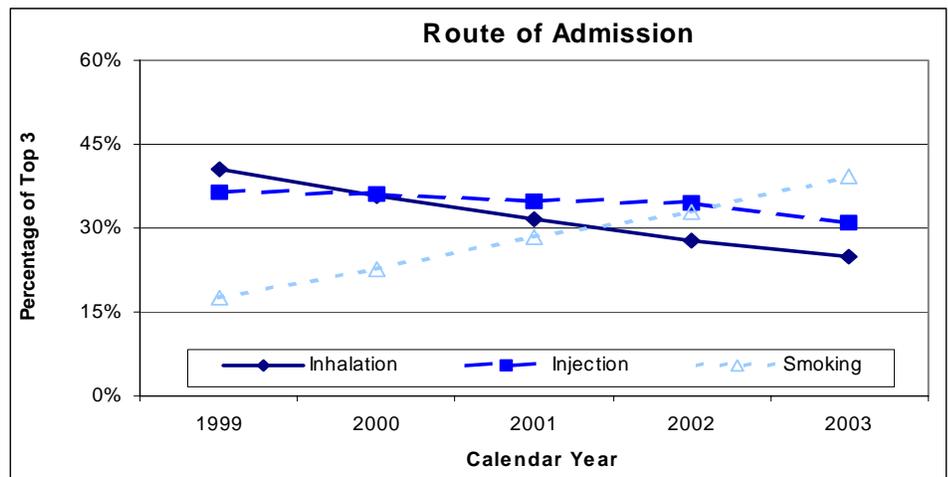
## Findings from OMHAS Client Process Monitoring System (CPMS) Data

Only a small percentage of those who need treatment receive it

### Meth users who need treatment as compared to those who actually receive it



In the last 5 years, smoking has increased significantly, while inhalation decreased. Injection has remained relatively stable.



About one third of people entering treatment report using methamphetamine, with a disproportionate number of women entering treatment for meth

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Total Meth Admissions</b>	17416	19409	21696	23847	20482
<b>% of all admissions</b>	28.6%	29.0%	30.2%	31.5%	30.2%
<b>%Male/Female Meth</b>	57.0 / 43.0	55.7 / 44.3	57.0 / 43.0	56.5 / 43.5	54.7 / 45.3
<b>%Male/Female Overall</b>	67.7 / 32.3	67.3 / 32.7	67.4 / 32.6	67.1 / 32.9	66.9 / 33.1

\*there were fewer people who received treatment in 2003 than previous years due to funding cuts, despite continued increases in treatment demand

Methamphetamine users are less likely to complete treatment

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Meth Completed</b>	38.7%	38.4%	38.7%	39.5%	41.3%
<b>Overall Completed</b>	46.7%	46.3%	46.7%	48.3%	51.8%