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Activity: Media

Treating drug addiction

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- evaluate the use of drugs to treat drug addiction and reduce criminal behaviour.
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A. Using the link below, answer the questions that follow.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_PSyds_ac

1. According to Wetzel, what is happening in Pennsylvania? Write down the statistics he quotes.
 2. What is medication assisted treatment?
 3. What is Vivitrol?
 4. When is the drug administered and how often?
 5. What is Narcan and when is it administered?
 6. According to Wetzel, what is key after someone is 'brought back to life'?
 7. What proportion of prisoners return to prison within the first year of their release?
 8. What is vital to keep prisoners off drugs?
 9. What proportion of prisoners suffer from mental illness? How many people is this in Pennsylvania?
 10. Why did the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections get sued?
 11. As a result of being sued, what changes did they make to the prison system?
 12. How do prisoners support each other?
- B. In the clip, in addition to the medication assisted treatment, the prisoners have mental health support in the prison from other prisoners. What does this suggest about the effectiveness of drug treatments?

From more information on the drugs mentioned in the clip see the links below:

<https://www.vivitrol.com/opioid-dependence/what-is-vivitrol>

<https://www.narcan.com/>