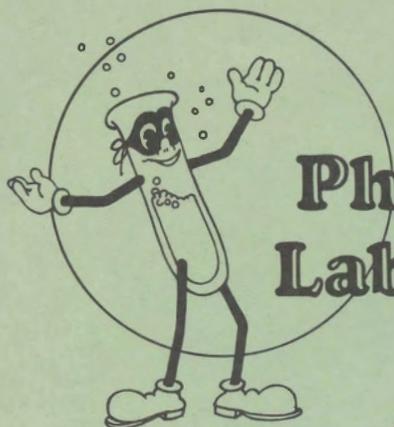


# A Message To Our Readers

We are joyous about the enthusiastic response to the *PharmChem Newsletter*. Favorable comment about our unique approach to drug education has come from the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *National Drug Reporter* and even the *London Times*. Today, the Newsletter is recognized by numerous professionals and agencies as accurate, reliable information about popular "street" drugs and emerging trends in the illicit drug market. Regardless of one's philosophical attitude about the misuse of drugs, unbiased information is an invaluable beginning towards understanding this phenomenon.

Presently, we are unable to continue free distribution of the Newsletter. Research and publication costs now require us to charge an annual subscription fee, effective this month. Subscription income will be used to support PharmChem Research Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt public interest group created to further drug education activities. Initially, the primary objective of the Foundation is to provide a nationwide analysis service to any interested persons, groups or agencies at a nominal cost and on an anonymous basis. Analysis results will be collated and disseminated in an expanded version of the current Newsletter. We will continue to publish noteworthy articles of educational value about drugs with abuse potential. These efforts will provide research, education, treatment and policy-making groups with needed information about street drug market-place activity to complement existing national programs.

We welcome and appreciate your support of our activities. This month, please inform us of your decision about subscribing to the Newsletter. A rate card and self-addressed prepaid envelope is included for your convenience. Thank you for sharing your awareness.



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# *Analysis Anonymous*<sup>™</sup>

**ANALYSIS ANONYMOUS**<sup>™</sup> is a drug analysis service that provides the public with unbiased, confidential information about the true content of illicit ("street") drugs. Particular disturbing characteristics of the burgeoning street drug phenomenon are the continual appearance of new substances, widespread availability of dangerously adulterated and poorly synthesized drugs and intentional deception by illicit drug dealers. Test results on over a thousand drug samples submitted from throughout the United States have demonstrated the gross misrepresentation of drugs sold on the street. This flagrant discrepancy between the alleged and actual content of street drugs undoubtedly increases the number of overdoses and adverse reactions experienced by users; it also contributes to the dissemination of false and unreliable information about the effects of these drugs. Drug abuse professionals, educators, drug users and all others concerned with the "drug problem" are encouraged to support this service.

**HOW TO USE ANALYSIS ANONYMOUS**<sup>™</sup> : Wrap the sample in tissue or other suitable material, place it in an envelope with \$5.00 (cash or money order) and include either a 6-digit sample identification number of your choice or a return address. Mark the envelope "Hand Cancel" and mail it to our address below. (Please do not choose numbers such as 123456 or 666666). Also include information about alleged content, street price, origin of sample (city, state) and indicate whether any undesirable side effects are known. To obtain the results, telephone the laboratory (415/322-9941) 4-5 days after mailing and ask for a report, using your 6-digit number; or we will send a written report to the return address. If you are sending more than one sample, wrap each separately or mail in separate envelopes.

PharmChem's philosophy is that **ANALYSIS ANONYMOUS**<sup>™</sup> should benefit as many people as possible. Reporting the test results of a particular drug only to the individual who submitted it is of limited value. Consequently, results are periodically published in the PharmChem Newsletter.

**THE PHARMCHEM NEWSLETTER** provides its readers with test results, including the alleged content, actual content, description of the dosage form, city of origin and street price on all drug samples submitted. It also features a detailed report on a specific drug. This publication is unique and effective in providing drug abuse professionals with pertinent information on emerging trends in the illicit drug market. The Newsletter is distributed free to anyone who requests a subscription.

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## DRUG SCREEN FACT SHEET

**FULL DRUG SCREEN:** OPIATES, AMPHETAMINES, BARBITURATES— each urine sample is tested for ten different drugs: morphine (heroin), quinine, methadone, codeine, cocaine, amphetamine, methamphetamine, secobarbital, pentobarbital, phenobarbital.

**PARTIAL DRUG SCREEN:** You may choose to have some or all samples tested for one or two particular groups of drugs— OPIATES (morphine, codeine); AMPHETAMINES; BARBITURATES; or METHADONE. Separate fees are given below for these partial assays.

SENSITIVITY:	Drug	Minimum Sensitivity (ug/ml)
	morphine	0.5
	quinine	0.5
	codeine	1.0
	methadone	0.5
	cocaine	2.0
	amphetamines	1.5
	barbiturates	1.0

**METHOD:** For Full Drug Screen, extraction is followed by thin layer chromatography (TLC). All positive results are retested by a different extraction and TLC procedure, gas chromatography (GC), or an enzyme immunoassay technique (EMIT <sup>®</sup>). Enzyme immunoassay technique is used for Partial Drug Screen.

**REPORTING:** Samples are analyzed the day they are received in the laboratory. Written reports are sent by air mail within twenty-four hours. Certain requested results are phoned in. Written reports can be sent in 4 minutes by a facsimile reporting system.

**SUPPLIES and POSTAGE:** Specimen vials, labels and mailers are provided. All postage or freight costs are prepaid.

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES:** To minimize turnaround time, a specimen pick-up service, air freight shipments, and/or a facsimile reporting system are provided at *no additional charge*, when warranted. Written reports can be received *in as little as 36 hours after urine samples are collected from patients*.

**BILLING:** Statements are mailed at the beginning of each month and cover the tests performed through the day before statement mailing. Payment due on first of the month following billing date.

<b>FEEs:</b>	Full Drug Screen—	500 or more samples per week.....	\$2.10 per sample
		301-500 samples per week.....	\$2.15 per sample
		151-300 samples per week.....	\$2.20 per sample
		31-150 samples per week.....	\$2.25 per sample
		1-30 samples per week.....	\$3.00 per sample
	Partial Drug Screen—	Any one particular drug group (e.g., Morphine, Codeine).....	\$1.30 per sample
		Any two particular drug groups (e.g., Morphine, Codeine plus Methadone).....	\$1.90 per sample

**CLINICAL LABORATORY TESTS:** Includes SMA (13 blood chemistries), WBC-RBC, Differential Smear, VDRL and Urinalysis for \$9.50 per patient.