

# What is heroin?

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## Heroin is:

- An opioid drug synthesized from morphine.
- Naturally occurring substance extracted from the seed pod of the opium poppy.
- “Usually” appears as a white or brown powder, or black sticky substance.



## Short-term effects:

- Abusers typically report feeling a surge of pleasurable sensation—a “rush” accompanied by a warm flushing of the skin
- Mental function is clouded; heart function slows; and breathing is also severely slowed which can lead to coma and permanent brain damage

## What to look for?

- Metal spoons with burnt residue
- Foil
- cotton balls/swabs
- Needles
- Candle/light to heat up spoon

