Intranasal abuse of prescribed methylphenidate by an alcohol and drug abusing adolescent with ADHD.

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Abstract
A rare case is described where an adolescent with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder diagnosed in childhood subsequently developed alcohol and drug abuse. He later developed intranasal methylphenidate abuse and dependence after realizing that urine drug screens were expected to be positive for prescribed methylphenidate. This report is to alert physicians to the rare possibility of intranasal methylphenidate abuse in chemically dependent teenagers treated for ADHD and also to the possibility of group methylphenidate abuse at special education schools where many teenagers may be treated with stimulant medication.

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