



METHADONE:

Methadone is one of a number of synthetic opiates that is made to simulate the effects of heroin. Methadone and Subutex are used as opiate substitutes for heroin in the treatment of heroin addiction.

Slang: Street names for drugs can vary around the country.
Mixture, meth, linctus, physeptone.

Appearance and use

Methadone is usually a green sticky mixture that is swallowed. Subutex is a tablet dissolved in the mouth. Its effects are quick and last for many hours.

The effects

- Methadone is an opiate and depresses the nervous system – which means it slows down the body.
- **Methadone doesn't make you feel the same high as heroin but it is a substance that can be prescribed long term to help stabilise an individual's lifestyle while trying to reduce / stop their heroin use.**

The law

Methadone is a Class A drug. It is illegal to have, give away or sell. You can get up to 7 years for possession and up to 14 years for supply for you (and anyone you supply to).

The risks

- Methadone and Subutex can make you feel sick the first time you use it. It can also make you feel sleepy and constipated.
- Too much can make you fall asleep and slip into a coma. Your breathing can slow to such an extent that you stop breathing completely.