

# Silver Cross EMS System

## January 2014 CE Study Guide

PowerPoint EMS "Street Drug" Review and Management of Overdose found at [silvercrossems.com](http://silvercrossems.com)

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1. Describe how methamphetamine users lose weight and quality of life.
2. What type of receptors become damaged with repeated meth use?
3. What does EMS need to assess when managing a meth user's airway?
4. What systemic condition could result from a meth user being nearly unconscious for several days?
5. Why could this cause renal failure?
6. What is parachuting? What side effect could you end up treating this patient for?
7. What is the most common route of ingestion for methamphetamine?
8. What is the risk of meth being improperly drawn up in a syringe, and why?
9. What are two of the symptoms associated with meth overdose?
10. Why is it important to manage this patient carefully if agitated?
11. What type of care should EMS administer for the patient on methamphetamine with a suspected heart attack?
12. What is the most common "club drug"?
13. How is this drug usually ingested?
14. Name four physical symptoms a person on MDMA will experience:

15. What are two dangerous side effects of this drug that EMS needs to assess?
16. Name four effects of GHB that could become fatal:
17. Why should suburban EMS departments be aware of heroin overdose?
18. What should an EMS provider do with the awake and alert patient, after receiving Narcan for an overdose on heroin, who is refusing to go to the hospital?
19. What are five signs/symptoms of a heroin overdose?
20. What should the EMT-B do with a patient who is unconscious from a suspected heroin overdose? What should the EMT-P do in the same case, with no vascular access due to severe scarring (track marks)?
21. What is the dosage of Narcan and the appropriate routes of administration?
22. What is a side effect of Narcan that can become a higher risk of exposure for EMS?
23. What size nasopharyngeal airway is used for a large adult, about 6'4"?
24. When is it appropriate to use an oropharyngeal airway?
25. If a patient has an LVAD, they will ALWAYS have a palpable pulse: True or False.