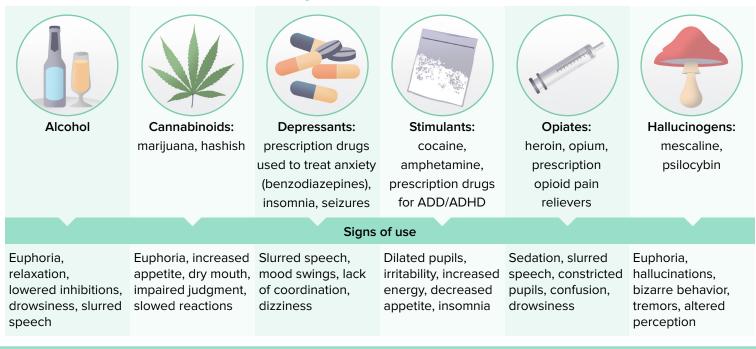
SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Commonly abused substances:



Symptoms vary by type of substance used, dose, and tolerance

Substance use occurs on a continuum:		Use		ouse	Dependence
does not appear to affect activities			Dependence: tolerance, withdrawal, large amounts, persistent desire		

Risk factors for substance abuse disorder:

No single factor can predict whether a person will develop substance abuse disorder. A combination of genetic, environmental, and developmental factors influences risk for addiction.

- Family history of substance use
- Mental health disorder
- Peer pressure
- Use at an early age
- Using highly addictive drugs
- History of trauma
- Genetic predisposition

NOTES

• Substance abuse disorder is a chronic, but treatable, medical condition.

Client education:

- Educate clients on available treatment methods.
- Connect clients to community resources and treatment providers.
- Use non-stigmatizing, person-first language when educating clients.
 For example: "a person with a substance use disorder" rather than "addict" or "alcoholic."

