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### Drugs

**PENTAZOCINE IN MAN** Studies were conducted to evaluate the subjective effects of pentazocine in previously addicted volunteers at the National Institute of Mental Health Addiction Research Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Pentazocine produced morphine-like subjective effects. A dose of 60 mg/70 kg, which is higher than the recommended analgesic dose, produced subjective effects which more closely resembled those of nalorphine than those of morphine. Pentazocine did not substitute for morphine in the morphine addict. Pentazocine was much less potent than nalorphine in precipitating abstinence symptoms in morphine-dependent subjects. Long-term administration of pentazocine produced dependence. Pentazocine had an abuse potential less than that found with morphine but greater than that found with nalorphine. (*Jasinski, D. R., Martin, W. R., and Hoeldtke, R. D.: Effects of Short- and Long-term Administration of Pentazocine in Man, Clin. Pharmacol. Ther.* 11: 385 (May) 1970.)