

Methamphetamine Abuse: Epidemiology, Neurotoxicity and Treatment

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METHAMPHETAMINE

Street Names

meth, crystal meth, speed, ice,
crank, glass, uppers, yaba,
shabu shabu

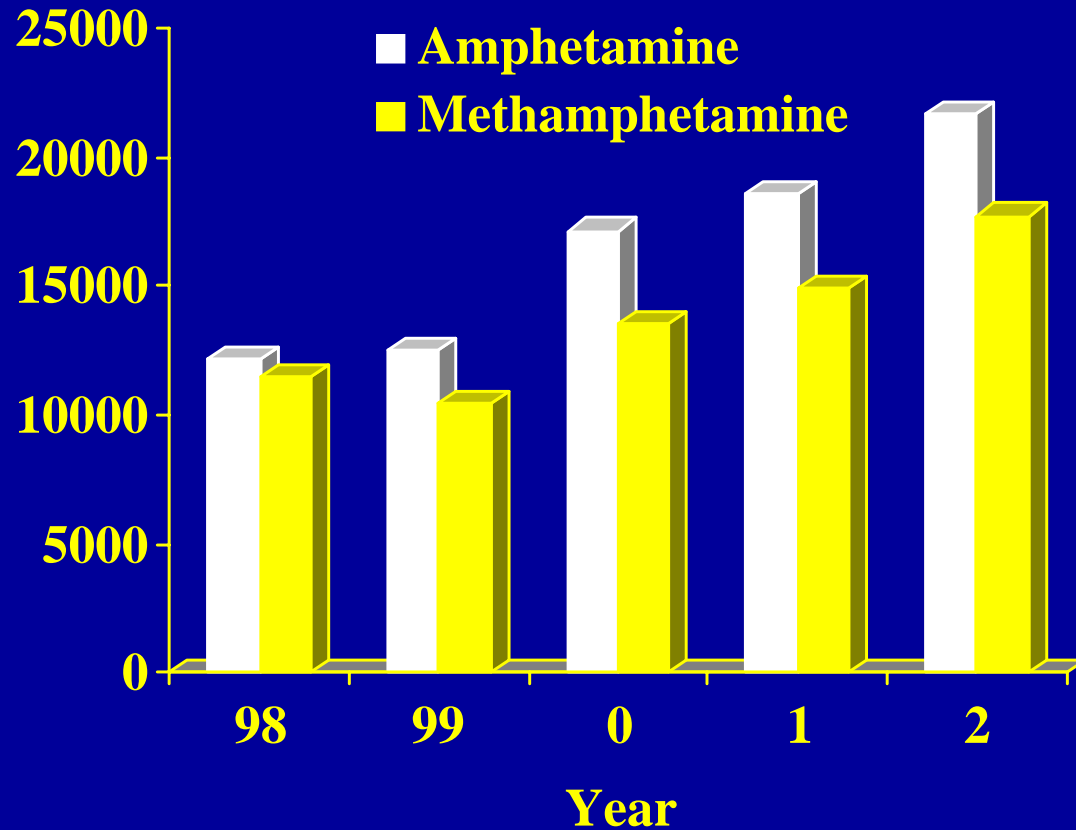
Crystal Methamphetamine



Methamphetamine Crystals
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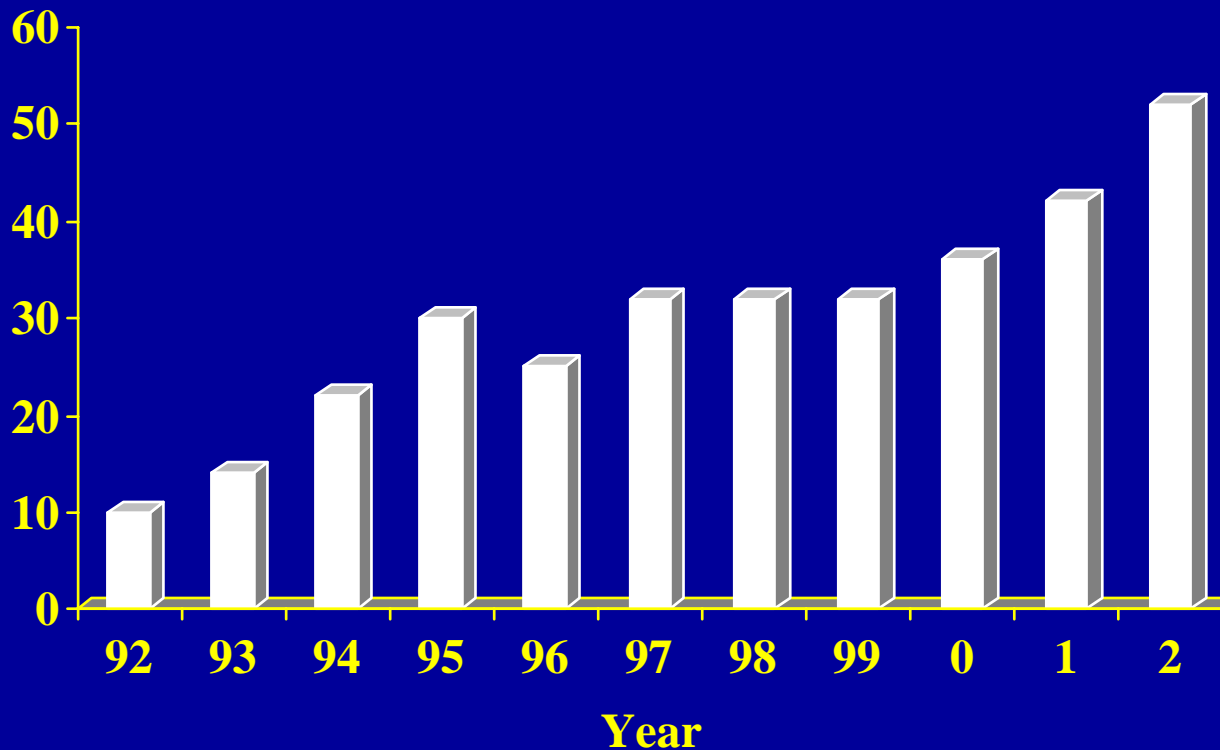
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178% and 154% increase from 98 to 02

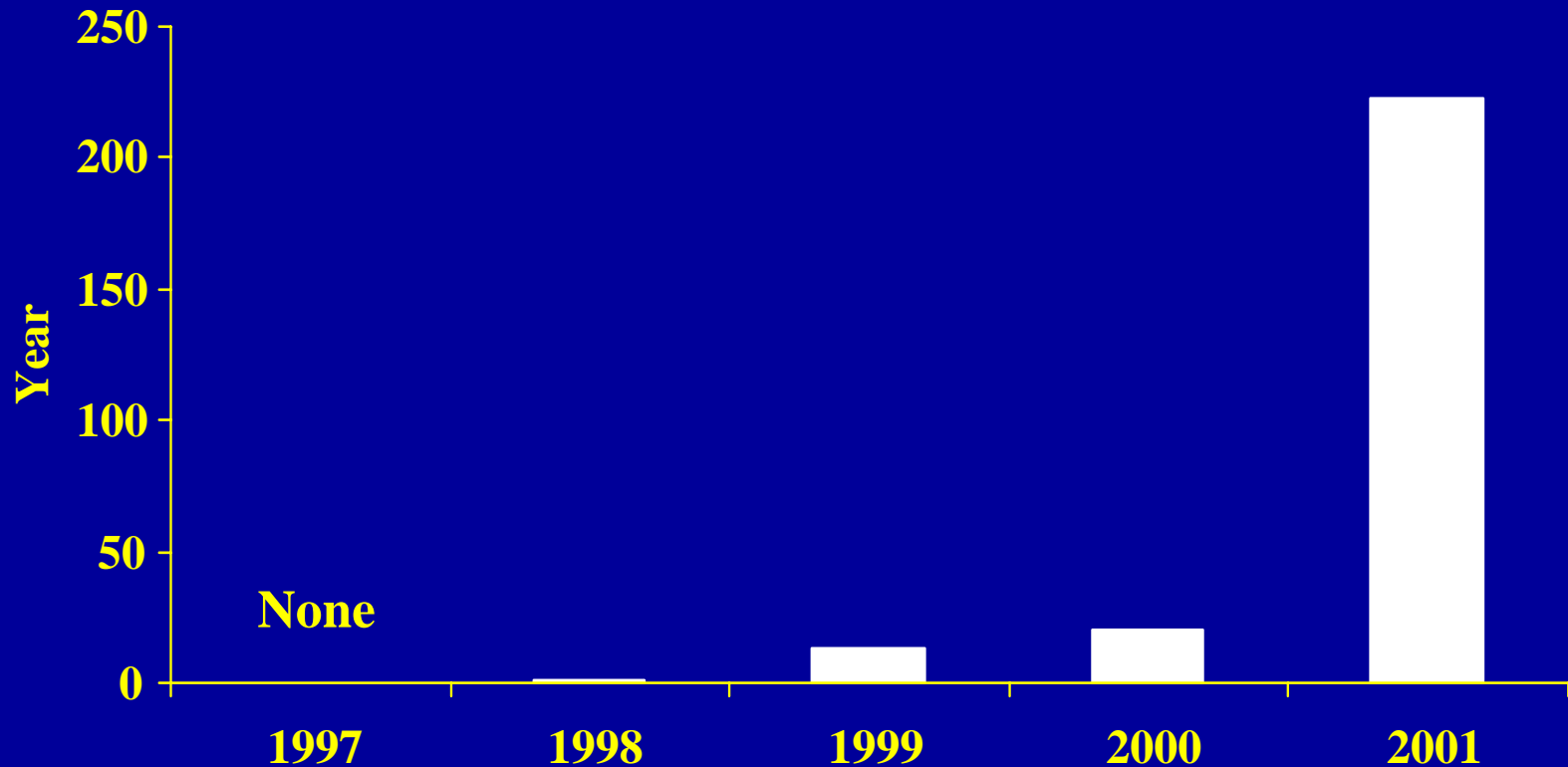
Treatment Admission Rates

per 100,000 Aged 12 and Older



520% increase since 92

Illicit Meth Labs Closed by DEA in Southeastern Michigan



What does the future look like?

Methamphetamine abuse will decline. If the past has taught us anything however, it will reappear. We must be prepared.