



NIBRS Coding Scenarios

Ketamine and Updates on Suspected Drug Type

Scenario #1: Where would you classify the drug "Ketamine"?

Scenario #1 Coding:

Ketamine also goes by the street names of: Cat Tranquilizer, Cat Valium, Jet, K, Kit Kat, Purple, Special K, Special La Coke, Super Acid, Super K, and Vitamin K.

Ketamine is a clear liquid or a white or off-white powder. It is a popular "club drug." It distorts the perceptions of sight and sound and makes the user feel disconnected and not in control. The "use/feeling" has the street names of "K-land" - a mellow and/or colorful experience or "K-hole" - an out-of-the body near death experience.

Ketamine should be classified as "J=PCP" in the Suspected Drug Type.

Updates on Suspected Drug Type:

Pentazocine, Propoxyphene, and Darvon are now to be classified under "H-Other Narcotics".

The drug Methoxetamine, aka: NBOMe - 2cc, should be classified under "K=Other Hallucinogens".

Reference: *NIBRS Volume 1: Data Collection Guidelines* (blue cover), Suspected Drug Type Page 88.

Note that the preceding gives general examples. It is not meant to be all inclusive. Coding is based on individual case circumstances. Please direct NIBRS questions to:



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