

When the DEA calls....

LIFE IS ABOUT TO GET VERY INTERESTING



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History of an impaired physician

- Physician burnout practice, family stressors
- Anesthesia, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, Family Practice
- Self medication for pain management
- Recreational use
- Avoiding the withdrawal symptoms
- Physician access
- Conspiracy of Silence
- Alcohol is legal

SIGNS OF AN IMPAIRED PHYSICIAN

Withdrawal from social settings
Decreased work performance
Frequent absences
Disruptive behavior
Excessive sweating
Patient/staff complaints
Mood swings

STATISTICS

2009 Mayo clinic study physicians in
a recovery program

one in ten physicians
50% misused alcohol
36% abused opioids

Treatment for the impaired physician

1. 12 step programs

2. Residential treatment centers

3. Confidential Health professional's programs

4. Alcohol vs drugs legal or illegal

Health professionals' program

1. History
2. Evaluation by Independent Consultants
3. Reporting to the Medical Board?
4. Case by case basis
5. Mandatory weekly meetings
6. Random drug testing
5. DEA/OBN

Prognosis

75-90 % abstinence

much higher than general population
need to keep licensed

IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE
END OF THE WORLD

Don't wait till you are caught

DUI

Impairment on the job

DEA/OBN