

CLASSIFICATION OF DRUGS

- 1. Prescription: Medications including controlled substances, which require a prescriber's order.**
- 2. Over the Counter (OTC): drugs, which may be purchased without a prescription, e.g., analgesics and antacids.**
- 3. Schedules of Controlled Substances: Five schedules of drug and drug products under the jurisdiction of the Controlled Substances Act. Some examples are listed.**
 - a. Schedule I: Substances that have no accepted medical use in the U.S. and have a high abuse potential (heroin, marijuana, LSD, peyote, mescaline).**
 - b. Schedule II: Substances that have a high abuse potential with severe psychic or physical dependence liability. Consists of certain narcotic, stimulant, and depressant drugs (opium, codeine, Doriden, Demerol, Percodan, Dexedrine (dextroamphetamines), Ritalin (methylphenidate), Adderall, morphine).**
 - c. Schedule III: Substances that have an abuse potential less than those in I and II. Includes compounds with limited quantities of certain narcotic drugs and non-narcotic drugs (hydrocodone, compound or mixture containing secobarbital, anabolic steroids).**
 - d. Schedule IV: Substances with potential for abuse less than those in III (Phenobarbital, Librium, Valium, Placidyl, Darvon, Cylert, and Restoril.)**
 - e. Schedule V: Substances with an abuse potential less than IV and contain limited quantities of certain narcotic and stimulant drugs, generally for antitussive (cough), antidiarrheal, and analgesic (pain) purposes.**