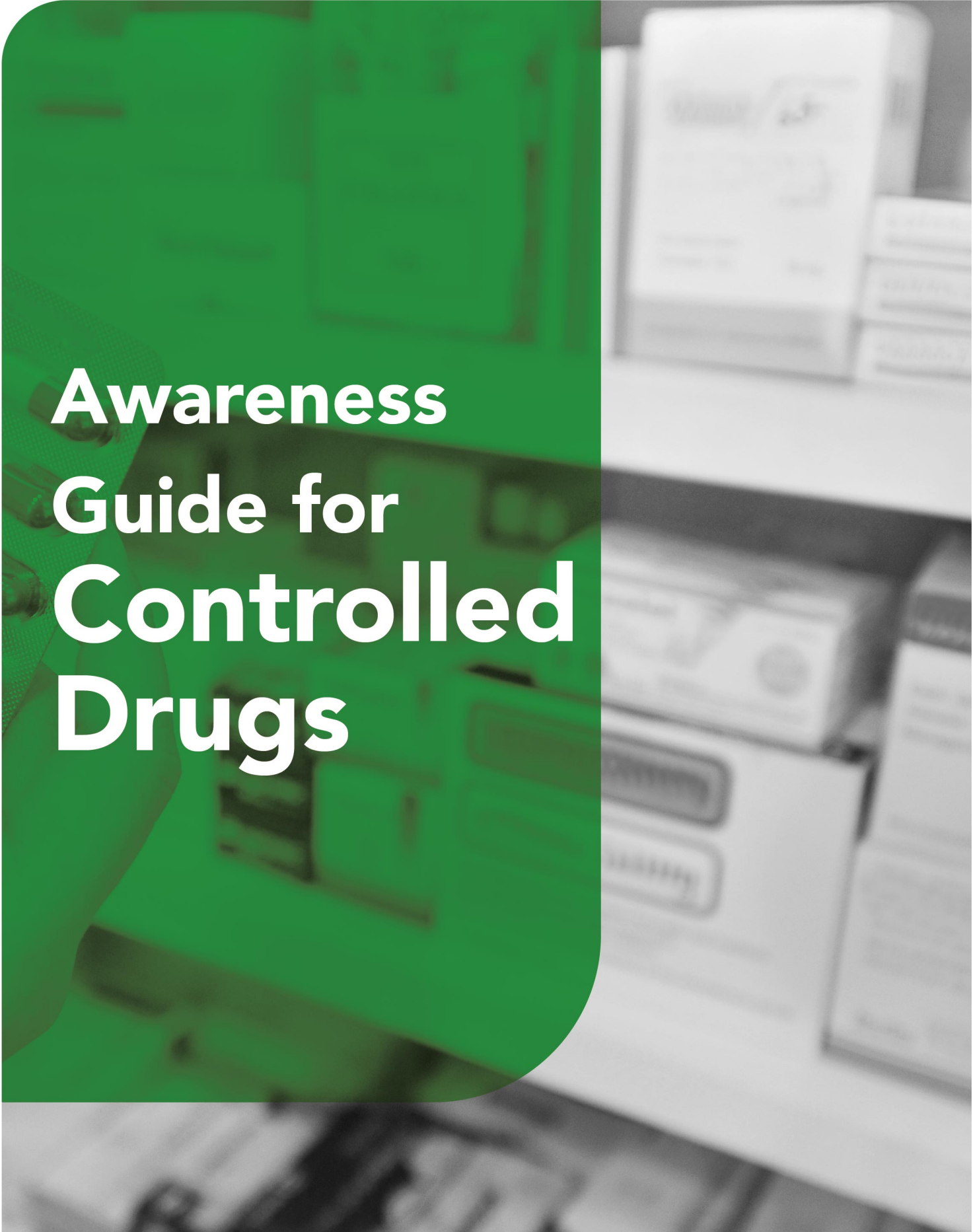




Awareness Guide for Controlled Drugs

Introduction

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Controlled drugs are used to treat certain diseases and conditions. However, misuse of such drugs results in risks to the individual and society. In this awareness guide, we will learn about the risks of misusing controlled drugs.

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What is the difference between uncontrolled and controlled prescription drugs (controlled drugs)?



Uncontrolled Prescription Drugs

Drugs prescribed by a doctor, such as diabetes medications, blood pressure medications, and antibiotics



Controlled Prescription Drugs (Controlled Drugs)

Controlled prescription drugs approved by a licensed doctor to treat certain diseases and conditions such as hyperactivity, epileptic seizures, and acute pains. Such drugs may cause psychological or physical addiction when misused. The manufacture, possession, trading and use of these drugs are subject to the Law of Combating Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances and Law of Pharmaceutical Establishment and Preparations



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Instructions for Using Controlled Prescription Drugs (Controlled Drugs)

If you are using controlled prescription drugs, you should use them correctly to avoid the side effects.

Check with your doctor:



- Periodically to ensure the correct dosage and the drug effectiveness.
- If you have any doubt about the prescribed drug

Do not take someone else's prescription drugs



Even if you have similar medical case, it does not mean it is the proper drug for your case

Take



your drug as prescribed

Do not

discontinue medication



or change its dose without checking with your doctor

If you do not use these drugs



as prescribed, you should return them to the source from which they were dispensed



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Misuse of Controlled Prescription Drugs (Controlled Drugs)



May be more dangerous than you expect. It can potentially lead to addiction or death

because of:

Exceeding



The determined dose without a medical supervision to get the same effect may lead to death

Difference



of Concentrations

Drugs sold illegally are often mixed with hallucinogenic and unknown substances in different proportions

Mixing Drugs



Mixing certain controlled drugs with alcohol can lead to alcohol poisoning, respiratory depression, and death



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**Examples of
Some Controlled
Drugs that are
Misused**

01

Alprazolam



Scientific Name

Alprazolam

Trade Name

Xanax[®]

**Used to
treat**



Panic attacks



Anxiety disorders



**Misuse
Risks**



Respiratory
depression



Depression
with suicidal
thoughts



Auditory and
visual halluci-
nations



Death



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02

Methylphenidate

Scientific Name

Methylphenidate



Trade Name

Concerta®

Ritalin®

Used to treat



Hyperactivity



Misuse Risks



Auditory and visual hallucinations and aggressive behaviors



Severe insomnia



Increasing the risk of strokes and heart attacks



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03

Clonazepam



Scientific Name

Clonazepam

Trade Name

Rivotril®

Used to
treat



Epileptic seizures



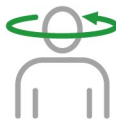
Panic attacks



Misuse
Risks



Difficulty
breathing



Fainting



Death



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04

Pregabalin



Scientific Name

Pregabalin

Trade Name

Lyrica®

Nervica®

Jubaleen®

Pregadex®

Zega®

Gabex®

Nervax®

Prex®

Lebalin®

Pregalen®

Neurogab®

Leptica®

Prega®

Lyrgaba®

Used to treat



Fibromyalgia



Neuropathic pain associated with spinal injuries



Epilepsy



Central and peripheral neuropathic pain or diabetes-related pain



Misuse Risks



Severe swelling of the legs



Blurred vision



Impairment of attention



Central nervous system and respiratory depression



Impotence



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05

Tramadol



Scientific Name

Tramadol

Trade Name

Mabron[®] Nomal[®]
Trabilin[®] Tramal[®]
Zaldiar[®]

**Used to
treat**



Moderate to acute
pain



**Misuse
Risks**



Respiratory
depression



Affects the central
nervous system



Depression
with suicidal
thoughts



Coma



Sudden
death



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06

Diazepam



Scientific Name

Diazepam

Trade Name

Valium®

Diapam®

Stesolid®

**Used to
treat**



Anxiety



Epilepsy



**Misuse
Risks**



Physical dependence
and withdrawal



Death



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07

Gabapentin

Scientific Name

Gabapentin



Trade Name

Nulex®
Gabanet®
Neuroplex®
Neurontin®

Gapentin®
Gabin®
Conventin®

**Used to
treat**



Epilepsy



Central and peripheral
neuropathic pain or
diabetes-related pain



**Misuse
Risks**



Tendencies to
suicidal thoughts



Central nervous system and
respiratory depression



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08

Bromazepam



Scientific Name

Bromazepam

Trade Name

Lexotanil®

**Used to
treat**



Anxiety disorders



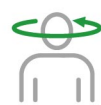
**Misuse
Risks**



Central nervous system
and respiratory depression



Memory
loss



Fainting



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09

Zolpidem



Scientific Name

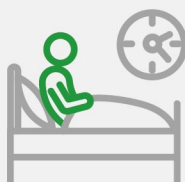
Zolpidem

Trade Name

Zolonia[®]

Zolpigen[®]

**Used to
treat**



Severe insomnia



**Misuse
Risks**



Central nervous
system depression



Aggressive behaviors
and hallucinations



Depression with
suicidal thoughts



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10

Codeine



Scientific Name

Codeine

**Used to
treat**



Mild to moderate
pain



**Misuse
Risks**



Central nervous system
and respiratory depression



Sudden
death



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Drug Side Effects

In the event of side effects appearing, please inform the SFDA through:



National Pharmacovigilance
and Drug Safety Center
(Saudi Vigilance)



Call Center:
19999

