

**Chapter 1 : Peyote - Addiction Counselor CE**

*Peyote ("buttons," "mesc," "cactus") is a cactus plant consumed for its hallucinogenic properties and ability to alter a user's thoughts, feelings, and perceptions 1. The top of the cactus plant that protrudes from the ground (the crown) consists of "buttons" in disc shape that are.*

In most cases, symptoms are not life-threatening and often subside within 24 hours 6. However, symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional to determine if further treatment is needed. Social and Lifestyle Consequences Peyote abuse can also lead to negative life consequences such as: Increased risk of accidents if using in dangerous situations. Failure to keep up with important responsibilities. Abandonment of hobbies and other healthy pleasures. Problems in relationships with family and friends. Problems at work or school. While peyote has been used recreationally for spiritual and religious purposes for centuries, some users experience negative effects because of their use. Negative effects can include physical reactions, mental health problems, and problems functioning in everyday life. Hallucinogen Persisting Perception Disorder HPPD and Persistent Psychosis Abuse of hallucinogens like peyote may also lead to Hallucinogen Persisting Perception Disorder HPPD , a condition where flashbacks, hallucinations, and other visual sensations may spontaneously arise even when the person is not presently under the influence of peyote 2. Symptoms can persist long after a person has used the drug. HPPD is more common among people with prior mental health issues, but all hallucinogen users are at risk, even after one-time use 2. Peyote abuse can also lead to persistent psychosis 2. Visual disturbances, such as seeing halos or trails. When severe, the symptoms of HPPD and persistent psychosis may be managed with antidepressant and antipsychotic drugs, as well as methods such as psychotherapy. Statistics on Peyote Use Peyote, like other hallucinogenic drugs, may be abused by both adolescents and adults for its mind-altering effects. A national survey examined rates of drug use across different age groups 3: Approximately , Americans ages 12 to 17, or 0. Hallucinogen use is most prominent among adults ages 18 to Approximately , Americans, or 1. Close to , or 0. Teens at higher risk of abusing drugs like peyote include those with one or more of the following 7: Physical and mental health conditions. Poor performance in school. Teens may also use drugs like peyote to feel better, or cope with negative feelings 8. A national survey found that teens who had experienced depression within the past year were more likely to use hallucinogenic drugs than teens without depression 3. Adolescents may be especially at risk of abusing drugs during periods of transition, such as moving to a new area or changing schools 7. Additionally, adolescents experiencing changes in their brains may have urges to try new things. This can make the prospect of experimenting with drugs seem enticing 8. Taking preventative steps can help minimize the risk of drug use among teens and future abuse as an adult. Possible prevention efforts include: Educating adolescents about the effects of illicit drugs. Teens may have false information about the risks drug use. Parents may also feel the need to exaggerate the effects of drugs to scare teens, which often has the reverse effect. Providing accurate information can help clear up misconceptions. Teens may have a hard time discussing their feelings about drugs with their parents. Providing an opportunity for adolescents to discuss their thoughts and feelings about trying drugs without fear of judgment can help them to make more responsible decisions. Peers play a significant role in the lives of teens. Some teens may want to refuse drugs, but fear the loss of peer relationships and harm to their reputations. Drugs like peyote may be less enticing when teens have other outlets for fun. Teens that are involved in sports, art, music, and other hobbies, and have supportive relationships with family and friends, may naturally have less interest in using drugs. Early drug use in life can lead to changes in the brain that can have long-term effects on motivation, memory, learning, judgment, and impulse control 7. Teens who abuse drugs are also at risk of long-term addiction. Therefore, taking preventative measures can help reduce future risks and harms. NIDA for Teens offers Mind over Matter , a guide for teaching children about the dangers of hallucinogens like peyote. Call Who Answers? National Institute on Drug Abuse.

## Chapter 2 : Peyote Street Names

*Peyote (The Drug Library) [Nancy Ross-Flanigan] on www.nxgvision.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. Discusses the history, use, and effects of peyote, as well as the role of peyote in Native American religious rituals.*

Peyote Addiction Treatment Peyote – A Traditional Drug There are many people who have used and treasured peyote, both those in the American Indian cultural traditions and those outside. A small, spineless stone cactus, the peyote is most commonly sold and used in dry, sliced form buttons or as a powdered dust sold as mescaline. Peyote is a mild hallucinogen, and is non-addictive physically, though occasionally addictive psychologically. Peyote and its derivative, mescaline, have few recognized complications or dangers. While some may experience vivid, multi-sense hallucinations using very little peyote, others may not experience anything but nausea and discomfort, even ingesting large volumes. What is the Difference between Types of Addiction? The difference between physical and psychological addiction is complex, but there are three basic considerations. A physical addiction causes an actual physical craving, often after very few uses. A physical addiction causes a severe withdrawal response – often a dangerous and painful reaction with agonizing physical and emotional symptoms. A physical addiction permanently alters the body, often on a complex molecular level. A psychological addiction is an ordinary habit, not radically different from the engrained habits a skilled driver develops that functions almost automatically. Trained habits, however, are not the same as medical addictions. Most medical addictions actually involve both forms of addiction, each reinforcing the other. Psychological addictions are perpetuated through positive reinforcement: Peyote addiction is a psychological addiction with relatively few medical complications, and can therefore be dealt with through basic behavior modification methods and counseling of various sorts. Behavior Modification and Habit Control Counseling Behavior modification is a near-constant in drug therapies for both forms of addiction. The method is a collection of techniques largely drawn from B. The core consists of methods of conditioning the mind and body to new habits of behavior. Habit control counseling can come in many forms. Professionals from the highest levels of therapy to the simplest level involving certified or licensed non-psychological counselors all do various forms of habit control counseling. These forms of counseling are applied to serious issues that are responsive to direct and goal-oriented treatment. Hypnotherapy is a common, supportive therapy often used for habit change. A carefully licensed and regulated form of therapy practiced on many levels of counseling, hypnotherapy can offer much help when eliminating old habits and replacing them with new ones. Finding the Perfect Counseling If you or someone you know has come too close to heavy peyote use, finding a therapist, counselor or hypnotherapist can be simple and easily accomplished. There are many referral services available to those seeking help. A call to a hospital, clinic, or to your own doctor will often put you in touch with reliable, respected practitioners. Finally, a patient can choose to work with a professional referral service. These services, in many cases, have already taken on the hard work of checking the training, professional history and background of the counselors and practices they recommend, saving you several layers of confirmation. They can also often recommend particular practitioners for particular types of work, knowing areas of specialization and having their own records of who has worked well for what clients. By making the most of the options open, a peyote habit can be controlled and eliminated.

Chapter 3 : Mescaline Dependency - [www.nxgvision.com](http://www.nxgvision.com)

*The Native American Church is a religious movement which originated among the Indians of the Southwestern United States. Its main features involve the use of peyote, a psychedelic, or mind-manifester, drug obtained from the dried tops of a cactus that contains mescaline, in a ceremony combining Indian religious motifs with certain Christian themes.*

I think the indian reservations are also considered territories, not official, claimed land. Thanks for the reply. You raise some interesting and valid points. The various circuits of the U. Supreme Court has never resolved the issue, although Congress has considered the issue once in , again in , and again in . Your view, that the exemption is tied to the special status of Native Americans as foreign citizens of their respective reservations, has been articulated by two courts, that I know of. The first was in *U. After a pre-trial motion to dismiss on Free Exercise of Religion grounds, the court ruled that the exemption only applied to members of the Native American Church. The bylaws of the Church state that only Native Americans, of at least one quarter Native American ancestry, may belong to the Church. However, at trial, the jury could not see any reason for making such a distinction, and the Warners were acquitted. The second ruling was in *Peyote Way Church of God v. Peyote Way Church was formed by former members of the Native American Church who did not agree with the Native American ancestry requirement and wanted to accept all races into the Church. Two other courts have ruled that the exemption cannot be limited to Native Americans. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, F. United States, F. When the exemption was created in , Congress attributed the exemption to a California Supreme Court decision, *People v. That same day, the California Supreme Court ruled that the sacramental use of peyote by nonmembers of the Native American Church was also constitutionally protected. In re Grady, P. Indeed, not all members of the Native American Church are non-citizens of the United States, negating the theory that their status as non-citizens is related to the exemption. In , the U. Supreme Court held that the peyote exemption was not constitutionally required, only permissible. However, that decision was so repugnant, that it was explicitly rejected in November of when Congress passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Pub. I hope this gives you enough background to see that the special status of Native Americans as non-citizens is not related to the exemption of sacramental peyote use from the drug laws. The recent decision involving the Kiryas Joel school district seems to cast doubt on the constitutionality of the peyote exemption. The problem with the Kiryas Joel school district is that it was defined by religion, not geography. The same thing applies to the state and federal peyote exemptions - they both name a specific religion, the Native American Church, rather than giving all religions equal treatment.***

**Chapter 4 : Peyote And The Law**

*Peyote is not believed to be addictive, and abuse of the drug is rare. In , only 61 cases of peyote or mescaline exposure were reported to poison control centers, according to the Annual Report of the American Association of Poison Control Centers' National Poison Data System.*

This article originally appeared in Tomorrow magazine, Spring Its main features involve the use of peyote, a psychedelic, or mind-manifester, drug obtained from the dried tops of a cactus that contains mescaline, in a ceremony combining Indian religious motifs with certain Christian themes. The drug and the ceremony are fused together in a manner acceptable to many Indians today. My interest in this church was a professional one, springing from my researches into psychedelics, the vision-producing drugs the Indians use in a group setting. So far as our research group could make out, the Indians were the first people who used these substances together with certain aspects of Christianity. We had heard about them in different ways. Religious people who wanted this sect suppressed had published complaints in various newspapers. In my country, Canada, there had been questions and statements from a Minister in the House of Commons at Ottawa. A police report we read suggested that peyote was both a dangerous poison and a drug of addiction. One of the clearest and kindest accounts of them and their religion came from the late Professor J. Slotkin of the University of Chicago. He told us they were being persecuted, not very obviously, thoroughly or determinedly, but although it was mild and intermittent, it was persecution all the same. Some of these persecutors did not deserve the label, for they were good people genuinely concerned about the Indians, who had been misinformed about the nature of the peyote rite. They were naturally worried by reports that the Indians were obtaining a dangerous and addictive substance and engaging in wild orgies. There was reason to be concerned after the damage liquor has done to some Indians in the past. There is not too much scope for this hobby in western Canada today, but the Indians, being government wards and a special minority group, are particularly susceptible to this sort of interference. As the scholarly Slotkin explained to us, "Their conditions are wretched. Many of them hate and despise farming. The Native American Church is something of their own, born of their misfortunes and developed from their pre-Columbian traditions. It has grown and flourished in spite of white men, and this makes it even more precious to the Indians. It would at least show them that all white men were not hostile. Their services have been described as orgies only by those who have never attended them. It is curious that the early Christians had much the same accusations leveled at them by the Romans, whose staid, formalized, official religion had become little more than an annex to politics, devoid of enthusiasm and feeling. Long-married people in whom time does not produce this dimming can be embarrassing to their more habituated contemporaries. We corresponded in a desultory way with the Indians of the Red Pheasant Band, from among whose members most of the congregation of the Native American Church of Canada was drawn. The Church had been duly registered as a religious body and so was safe from direct persecution. But the supply of peyote, their ceremonial cactus, came from the United States, and this made them vulnerable to administrative pressure, as later events have shown. In September , we learned that Mr. Frank Takes Gun, President of the Native American Church of North America, was planning to come north from his home in Montana to see how his fellow church members were faring in Canada. Shortly after this, we were invited to North Battleford. We drove north, picking up Dr. Abram Hoffer in Saskatoon, armed with a tape recorder, blankets, and lots of notebooks. Two members of the Saskatoon Star Phoenix staff traveled with us. It was a glowing early fall day, and the stubble was still live enough to give the land a blond, crew-cut look. We arrived in North Battleford late in the afternoon of the sixth of October, Takes Gun and his companion, Mr. Russell, came to see us in our hotel. They had had a harassing time getting the hard-pressed Red Pheasant Band to organize the ceremony. They are poor Indians. Takes Gun had helped them to get permission to pitch a tepee for the meeting in the grounds of old Fort Battleford. He was also inquiring into the legal help the Indians were getting in Canada. I was tired and a little apprehensive on at least two counts. My colleagues and I had decided that, while they would watch and record the ceremony, I should take part in it, and observe from the inside, as it were. I did not wholly enjoy the idea of taking peyote, although I have

used a variety of mind-changing substances in the past few years. These have included taking harmala, the seeds of Syrian rue, which has a disgusting taste; kava-kava, the roots and leaves of a South Sea Island pepper plant; ololiuqui, the seeds of *Rivea corymbosa*, a vine-like plant from Mexico, once the chief and sacred narcotic of the Aztecs. I had also taken chemically pure mescaline, one active principle of peyote, and the immensely powerful Lysergic Acid Diethylamide, both derived from plants. In addition, we had worked with a new group of substances derived from adrenalin, whose use in this field had been discovered in Saskatchewan. I had, however, never taken peyote before. I found its dried, shriveled, and furry appearance uninviting, and reports said it frequently produced nausea and vomiting. I did not relish the idea of vomiting in public. My second worry was a more serious one. I had much sympathy for the Indians and wanted to assist their cause, but as an honest observer I would have to report everything that happened. I was concerned lest the service should be ill-conducted. Takes Gun was clearly worried about me. He told me repeatedly that they would have good, clean city water and that the cups would be personal and hygienic. The peyote, he assured me, would not be difficult to take, but would be made soft with a coffee grinder and wrapped individually in Kleenex. He is of medium height and very solidly built, of that almost pure mesomorphy that one finds often among the Plains Indians. His face might have been carved from old, oiled, highly polished teakwood. He glistened in the afternoon sun-for he was nervous. His eyes and hair were black. He had the longest ears I have ever seen. His face was impassive. Takes Gun left us to make the final preparations for the ceremony. We agreed to be at North Battleford a little after sundown, and, before he left, he gave me a final reassurance about the purity of the water. We crossed the golden valley of the South Saskatchewan River and drove up the hillside to the old fort. They had set the teepee on the short grass inside the stockade. It was small and pale, its ventilator flapping in the breeze. The clear night sky with the stars appearing and the faint swirl of northern lights seemed about to engulf us. Outside the teepee there was a great stack of small logs. The ceremonial fire in the center of the teepee was ready for lighting. It was between the horns of the low, crescent-moon altar shaped from molded earth. Only the fire tender occupied this middle space. The rest of us, eight observers, including two journalists, and fourteen Indian worshipers, were ranged around the circumference of the teepee. Takes Gun, and Mr. Russell, who had driven up from Montana, our hosts came from Saskatchewan, mostly from the Red Pheasant Band, though a few had driven over from Alberta. The elders of this group were Mr. There were several younger men and two Indian ladies. All looked spruce and neat. They had clearly put on their best clothes for the service. I sat on Mr. He was the leader, and Mr. Russell, on his right, was his drummer. However one places the legs, they get stiff, the long hamstring muscles in particular. Cramping pains can be a nuisance. Russell played the fire taps on his drum, and the fire tender lit the prepared wood. Sparks rose up and fluttered in the darkness above us before vanishing. The teepee was filled with the pleasant, acrid smell of sage, thyme, and burning logs. Takes Gun put a single leaf and then a large peyote button on the moon altar. The rest of us remained seated, and he was silent. He consulted his watch from time to time. At eight-thirty he began to read a written address he had with him. He asked for "Religious freedom for the Indian form of Christianity. The long Indian faces, dark in the fire glow, expressed melancholy, dolor, tragedy. I wondered how I would be able to communicate the solemnity of that frail teepee. It was like being inside a lighted Japanese lantern, suspended in eternity. The smoke started the ceremony proper. The Indians are masters of symbolism; a few eagle feathers, a pinch of sweet herbs, a little water drum, a gourd rattle, a fire, and little more, are all the aids they need for worship. For them, everything that is, is holy. They have no written prayers, but as among the Quakers, everyone prays according to his conscience.

**Chapter 5 : What Is Peyote, and Is Addiction Possible? - Greenhouse Treatment Center**

*Peyote- The Drug Library- SOLD, Information, Hot Sellers, Peyote- The Drug Library Words I can easily teach people to be gardeners, and from them.*

Mood Drug history The user may no longer be able to distinguish the past from the present, leading to a loss of reality. It can cause a person to feel weighed down or weightless. Joy and exhilaration are also possible. The drug makes it difficult for the person to focus, concentrate, think, or pay attention. When someone uses the drug, they often become preoccupied with trivial experiences, objects, and thoughts. Not everyone has pleasant mental effects from the drug, however. Someone who uses it may feel terror, extreme anxiety, or panic. Some individuals will experience extreme fear of death, episodes of insanity, or feel as if they are losing control, as noted by the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids. It can cause numbness and weakness throughout the body, and muscles may begin twitching. In some cases, dizziness occurs. Pupils will dilate, and blood pressure, heart rate, and temperature rise as the brain is affected by changes to the neurotransmitters. The rise in body temperature leads to profuse sweating, as a natural effort from the body to cool itself down. The person may get chills or begin to shiver. Intense nausea and vomiting along with a suppressed appetite often occur from peyote use. Are There Long-Term Effects? The residual effects of hallucinogens are not well understood. Studies from accredited institutions show mixed results on the safety of long-term hallucinogen use. Those who have used the drug just one time may even experience negative long-term effects in some instances, per the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids. The Center for Substance Abuse Research reports that few long-term side effects are known to arise as a result of taking peyote; however, cases of individuals developing paranoid schizophrenia have been reported from using peyote for long periods of time. It does appear that those who already have a mental health diagnosis are at an increased risk to develop additional mental health problems from long-term exposure to the drug. National Library of Medicine revealed long-term effects were not found from repeated use of the drug. The study consisted of three groups of Navajo Native Americans between the ages of 18 and 24. Of these individuals, 61 were members of the Native American Church, which regularly used peyote. Thirty-six of the individuals had a prior instance of alcohol dependency but were sober for at least two months prior to the study. Seventy-nine people reported using alcohol, peyote, or other drugs infrequently. A screening interview, a mental health inventory, and 10 standard neuropsychological tests regarding memory and attention functions were given during the course of the study. The Navajos with minimal substance use and the peyote group had similar results in cognitive function and memory. The ones who formerly had alcohol abuse problems had significant deficits on two of the neuropsychological tests and in every aspect of the mental health inventory. The results suggest long-term peyote abuse has no effect on psychological or cognitive measures. The study focused on individuals who used peyote during religious ceremonies. Moreover, its use appeared to increase certain areas of mental performance. There is controversy over these findings, however. How Common Is Peyote Use? No data is currently available that represents how common peyote use is, although statistics from the National Institute on Drug Abuse show just how common hallucinogenic use is in the US. The US ranked number one out of 36 countries in terms of the percentage of high school students who used LSD or another hallucinogenic in their lifetime. The survey indicated that 6 percent of US students admitted to using a hallucinogen at least once in their lifetime while only 2 percent of European high school students admitted to hallucinogen drug use. The results of the survey indicated first-time use of hallucinogens has remained about the same since 1975. The survey revealed , people ages 12 and older used a hallucinogen for the first time over the course of the prior year. Results from the survey indicated hallucinogen use within the past month has remained steady since 1975 as well. In fact, in 1975, 1. The usage rate of hallucinogens in the past month as documented by the survey revealed males used this type drug more often than females. In fact, , males admitted to using hallucinogens within the prior month while only , women admitted to such use. Does a Person Develop a Tolerance to Peyote? With this particular substance, tolerance begins quickly with daily use. Per the Center for Substance Research, tolerance begins in as little as 3 days. Currently, no reported cases of peyote addiction have been recorded, per information provided by the Center

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for Substance Abuse Research. In addition, those who abuse peyote may use it in conjunction with other substances, such as alcohol. In cases of polydrug abuse, professional treatment is always recommended in order to leave such substance abuse in the past.

### Chapter 6 : Sacramental Use Of Peyote

*The authors, two eminent anthropologists who have participated in peyote ceremonies, describe the effects of the drug, the rituals that surround its use, and the symbolic significance of objects used in the rite.*

### Chapter 7 : Erowid Library/Bookstore : 'Peyote'

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### Chapter 8 : Effects of Peyote Abuse - [www.nxgvision.com](http://www.nxgvision.com)

*Home» Crime Library» Drugs» Peyote/Mescaline Mescaline is a hallucinogenic alkaloid that can be taken in its pure form; however, it is more commonly found as a naturally occurring substance within Peyote.*

### Chapter 9 : Peyote Addiction | Effects and Abuse Potential of Mescaline

*Shamanism and Peyote Use Among the Apaches of the Mescalero Indian Reservation L. Bryce Boyer, Ruth M. Boyer, and Harry W. Basehart, from Hallucinogens & Shamanism Edited by Michael J. Harner. ©, Oxford University Press.*