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Date Rape? Drugged? Sexual abuse may occur when victims take drugs, either deliberately or unknowingly. Testing for the presence of drugs in the victim's system is an important part of the medico-legal exam. This abbreviated table

can help us recognize the possible drug used based on symptoms and how to test for each one.

Toxidrome	Presentation	Causative Agents	Testing		
			What to test	Where to send	Price (Php)
Hallucinogenic	Disorientation, hallucinations, visual illusions, panic reaction, moist skin, tachycardia, tachypnea hypertension	 Amphetamines Marijuana Cocaine Phencyclidine (PCP) LSD 	Urine 60 mL (refrigerate; freeze if cannot test within 48 hours)	 UP Manila Pharma 5264248 PNPChem 7230401 loc 4366 NBI* Chem 5238231 loc 5438 	400 to 650
Sedative/ Hypnotic	Stupor, confusion, sedation, disinhibition	 Alcohol (Ethanol) Barbiturates Benzodiazepines (Rohypnol; flunitrazepam) GHB (γOH-butyrate) 	Blood (for alcohol level only 10 mL in tube with anticoagulant) Urine 60 mL	• PNP • NBI*	
Sympathomimetic	Delusions, paranoia, sweating, dilated pupils, anxiety, tachycardia, hypertension	 Cocaine Amphetamines Methamphetamine (Shabu, Ice, crack, speed, go) MMDA (Methylene- dioxymethamphetamine) Ecstasy, M, Lovers' Speed, XTC, M&M, MDM, E) 	Urine 60 mL (refrigerate; freeze if cannot test within 48 hours)	UP Manila Pharma PNP NBI*	400 to 650
Anticholinergic	Delirium, flushed skin, dilated pupils, urinary retention, memory loss, tachycardia Hot as a Hare, Dry as a Bone, Red as a Beet, Blind as a Bat, Mad as a Hatter	Scopolamine ("Talampunay")	None		
Opiate/Narcotic	Altered mental status, miosis, unresponsiveness shallow breathing, bradycardia, hypothermia, hypotension	Opiates (heroin, morphine)	Urine 60 mL (refrigerate; if cannot test within 48 hours)	PNP (can test morphine only)	400 to 650

^{*} As of 21 March 2003, NBI Chem Lab can only do confirmatory tests for methamphetamine and alcohol. Other drugs i.e. marijuana, MMDA, benzos undergo screening tests only.

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

- April 30, 2003: Baguio City: "STI in CSA" With Dr. Ricardo Manalastas, OB-GYN Infectious Disease Specialist, UP-PGH; & Dr. Xenia Cathrine Fabay, Baguio General Hospital-WCPU
- POSTPONED, Date to be advised ➤ Tropicana Hotel, Manila: "Understanding Boys: Victims & Offenders of Sexual Abuse" With Dr. Tilman Furniss, Head of Dept. of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. University Hospital Muenster, Germany