

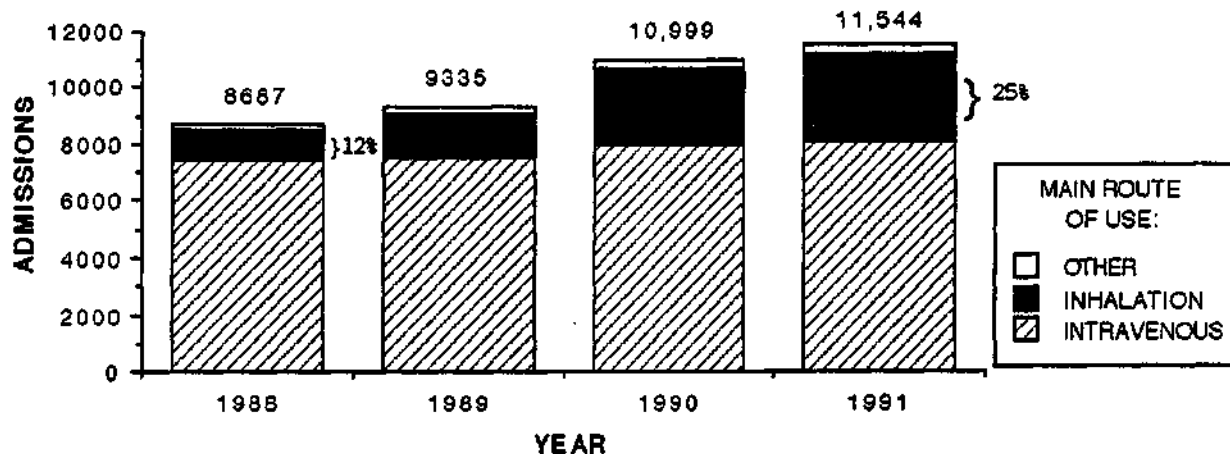
A Weekly FAX From the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Heroin Users Seeking Treatment are Increasingly Likely to Snort the Drug

About 25% of heroin users admitted to drug treatment programs in Maryland in FY 1991 report mainly snorting the drug, up from 12% in FY 1988. During the same period admissions for those injecting heroin remained relatively constant, although early data for FY 92 indicates an increase in this group. Most of the increase in heroin using clients appears to be attributable to this increase in snorters. Information from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration SAMIS system suggests that compared with injectors, inhalers are more likely to be younger, less experienced addicts who appear in treatment earlier in their addiction careers. Perhaps new heroin users prefer to inhale the drug as a way of reducing their risk of exposure to HIV.

**PRIMARY METHOD OF HEROIN USE BY PERSONS ADMITTED TO
MARYLAND ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS
FISCAL YEARS 1988 - 1991**



**SOURCE: Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration
Substance Abuse Management Information System (SAMIS)**

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