

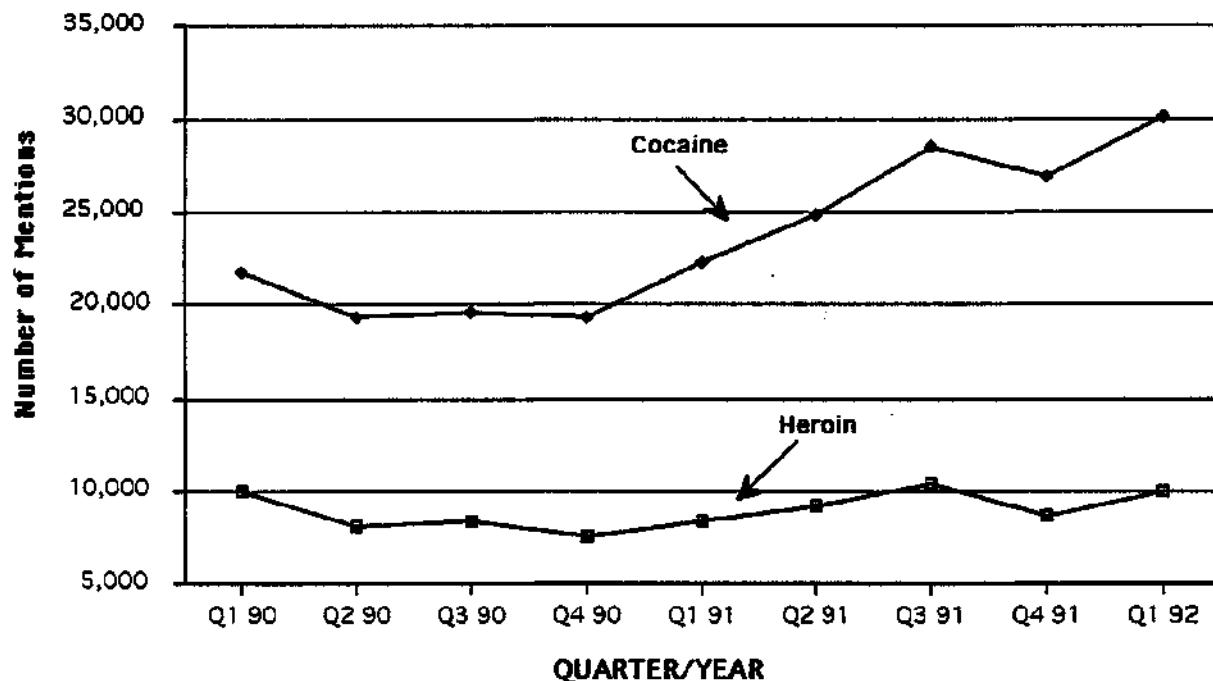
**A Weekly FAX From the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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***Latest DAWN Data Show Increases in Heroin and Cocaine  
Emergency Room (ER) Mentions***

Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) data show an increase in heroin and cocaine ER mentions in the first quarter of 1992 over the prior quarter. Compared with the first quarter of 1991, current estimates of heroin mentions have increased by 18.6% while cocaine mentions have increased by 34.8%. Cocaine ER mentions during the first quarter of 1992 are the highest they have been since 1989, when NIDA began weighting data from a nationally representative sample of emergency rooms.

**ESTIMATES OF HEROIN AND COCAINE-RELATED  
EMERGENCY ROOM MENTIONS IN THE U. S. , BY QUARTER**  
(First Quarter 1990 To First Quarter 1992\*\*)



\*\* Estimates for first quarter 1992 are preliminary. Final estimates will be available in July, 1993.

SOURCE: Drug Abuse Warning Network (July, 1992 Files), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

**CESAR SPEAKER SERIES: DR. DAVID NURCO**

**November 16, 1992, Room VFFR, Center for Adult Education, 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

Dr. David Nurco, Research Professor of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine, will be lecturing on "A Quarter Century of Psycho-Social Drug Abuse Research in Maryland."

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