

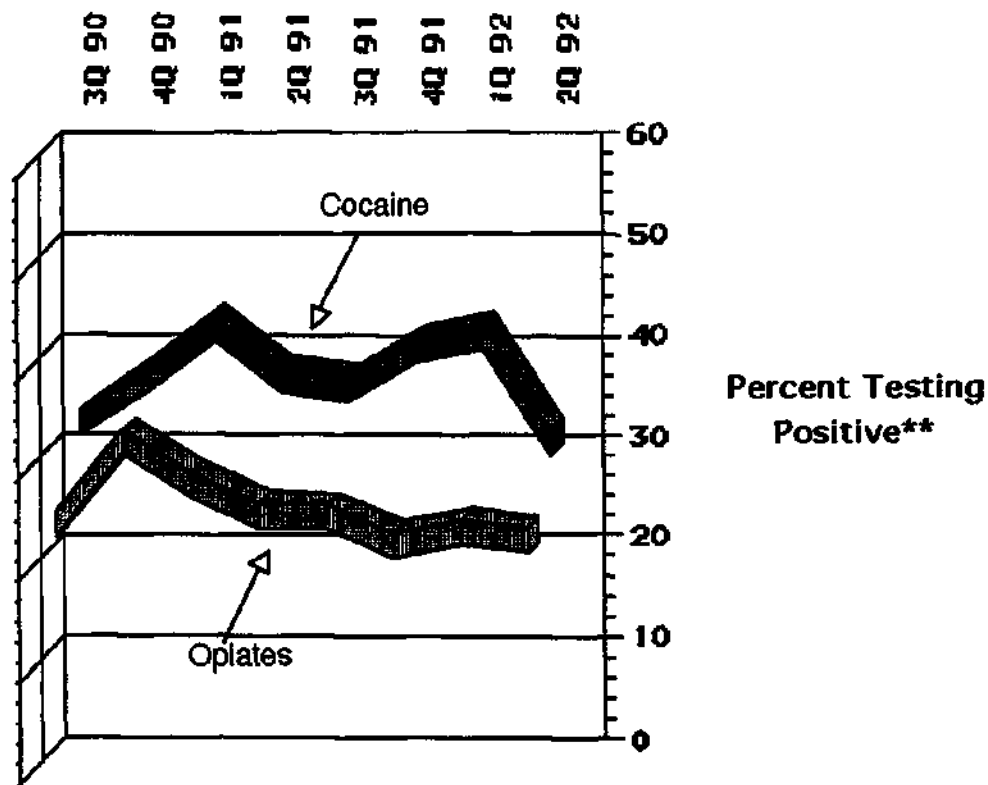
A Weekly FAX From the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Pretrial Drug Test Results Indicate Sizable Drug Abuse Problem in Criminals in Baltimore City

The Baltimore City Pretrial Release Services Program monitors pretrial releasees for drug use, by urinalysis. Over the past year, CESAR staff have been automating the results from the monitoring program. The results below show that about 20% of female and male releasees test positive for opiates, typically heroin. Cocaine positive rates fluctuate between 30% and 40%. These findings suggest a sizable cocaine and opiate use problem among apprehended criminals in Baltimore.

Drug Test Results from Pretrial Releasees in Baltimore
Third Quarter 1990 to Second Quarter 1992
(N = 5,384 Male and Females)



** Results are calculated using each person's first test record in a data file.

SOURCE: Baltimore City Pretrial Release Services Program.

CESAR SPEAKER SERIES: DR. DAVID NURCO

November 16, 1992, Room VFFR, Center for Adult Education, 10:00 to 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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