

## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *Summer 1997 National Pulse Check Report: An Encyclopedia of Drug Slang*

For the past five years, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has been publishing periodic “pulse checks” on current national trends in drug use and drug markets. The reports are based on qualitative and quantitative data from ethnographers, treatment professionals, and law enforcement officers. The *Pulse Check* reports are a rich source of current drug slang, such as the “cafeteria use” of drugs reported by sources across the country in the Summer 1997 *Pulse Check* (see table below). Such information can be invaluable to researchers, law enforcement officers, and treatment providers, to whom remaining abreast of the constantly evolving drug vernacular is essential.

<u>Drug/Slang</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Cafeteria Use	The use of a number of drugs, typically hallucinogenic and sedative/hypnotic “club drugs.”
Club Drugs	Drugs popular with youth who are part of a club scene and want to take the drugs to gain increased stamina for late night dancing and partying. Generally includes marijuana, MDMA, LSD, and Ketamine. In the West and South may also include methamphetamine and prescription drugs.
Double Breasting	Selling both cocaine and heroin. Traditionally, cocaine and heroin had distinct markets.
Slab	A large piece of crack about the size of a stick of chewing gum which is sometimes scored to form smaller pieces (Bridgeport and New York).
Lace	Marijuana and cocaine cigarette (Miami).
Primo	Marijuana and crack cigarette (San Diego, Texas).
Ozone	Marijuana, PCP and crack cigarette (Chicago).
Bathtub Crank	Poor quality methamphetamine made by individual entrepreneurs in the local market.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), *Pulse Check: National Trends in Drug Abuse*, Summer 1997. To receive a complimentary copy, contact the ONDCP Drugs and Crime Clearinghouse at 800-666-3332. For more information, contact Dr. Dana Hunt of Abt Associates at 617-492-7100.

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