

Luke gets his medication online because he doesn't have a prescription for them and can't go to the local pharmacy



I want to be fit!

A REAL CASE

DOPING A mother from Jura mourns her son who died of a heart attack after taking anabolics purchased on the Web.

«Mike bought his death on the internet»

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According to European code relating to medicinal products for human use, medicinal products shall be subject to **medical prescription** where they:

- are likely to present a danger, even when used correctly, if utilized without medical supervision, or
- are normally administered parenterally.

Anabolic-androgenic steroids (AAS) are synthetic substances that mimic the effects of the natural male hormone **testosterone**.

They are used in sports to increase muscle mass, strength and resistance to fatigue; moreover, they makes athletes more aggressive in training and in competition.

AAS toxicity affects many organs and systems in humans and cause severe side effects like acne, alopecia, testicular atrophy, impotence, hepatocarcinoma, hypertension, thrombosis, diabetes, acute renal failure, psychosis, addiction.

Side effects on cardiovascular system can explain sudden death occurring in athletes and non athletes self administering AAS. A recent study showed an higher mortality rate in AAS abusers compared with age-matched control population.

Tony buys those miracle drugs online because they aren't sold in his country



I want to be healthy!

A REAL CASE

Doug Nash and Silvia Fink met and fell in love on a yacht. [...] The following day, anchored in the bay, she took MMS - Miracle Mineral Solution, a compound she had bought from fellow sailors, a Belgian and a Californian, who had assured her it would ward off malaria in the Solomon Islands, Nash and Fink's next destination. "It went bad from the beginning [...] It turned into torture [...], with her getting gradually worse and worse, [...] she suddenly went into a coma".

And she died on Windcastle around 9pm, just 12 hours after she'd taken that fatal drink of MMS.

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Miracle Mineral Solution, an oral liquid also known as "Miracle Mineral Supplement" or "**MMS**", claims to treat multiple unrelated diseases, including HIV, hepatitis, the H1N1 flu virus, common colds, acne, cancer, and other conditions.

Actually, MMS poses a significant health risk to consumers who may choose to use this product for self-treatment instead of seeking approved treatments for these conditions. MMS is distributed on Internet sites and online auctions by multiple independent distributors. Although the products share the MMS name, the look of the labeling may vary.

The product instructs consumers to mix the 28 percent sodium chlorite solution with an acid such as citrus juice. This mixture produces chlorine dioxide, a potent bleach used for stripping textiles and industrial water treatment. The danger of this "Miracle Solution" of sodium chlorite at 28% is easily understandable by comparing it with the 25% solution of the common bleach. High oral doses of this bleach, such as those recommended in the labeling, can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and life-threatening low blood pressure from dehydration.

ANYONE CAN HAVE A REASON TO BUY **MEDICINES ONLINE**, BUT NOT EVERYONE REALLY KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE BUYING.



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Lynda gets her magic, all-natural pills online to lose weight because she can't find them at her local pharmacy. In the end, though, they weren't all that natural



I want to be slim!

A REAL CASE

On Sunday 12 April, 21-year-old Eloise Aimee Parry took diet pills she'd bought over the internet. Later that day she was dead. Police said the tablets were believed to contain dinitrophenol, known as DNP - a highly toxic industrial chemical.

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Dinitrophenol (DNP) is a substance not intended for human use widely available on the internet and marketed as a 'safe weight loss' under a number of different names. Moreover, it is also hidden in some unauthorised weight loss medications, so consumers have no idea they are taking it. DNP is a metabolic poison. It stimulates metabolism inducing the mitochondria to dissipate heat instead of accumulate energy into the cells. This toxic effect is what causes weight loss. However DNP is highly unpredictable and the safe dose can be very close to the toxic one. Besides the intrinsic dangers of DNP, the risks associated with its use are magnified by illegal manufacturing conditions. The classic symptom complex associated with toxicity of DNP is a combination of hyperthermia, tachycardia, diaphoresis and tachypnoea, eventually leading to death. Preceding death, the patient is often profoundly hyperthermic. Death is usually secondary to massive cardiovascular collapse.

Paul buys medicine to improve his sexual performance in a sex-shop because he is too shy to ask for it at the pharmacy. The sex-shop buys them online



I want to be sure!

A REAL CASE

TREVISO Forty-five years old man died of a heart attack

«Man dies after taking South American Viagra»

The substance was purchased overseas by his girlfriend's sister

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Please, remember that serious undesirable effects may occur also with authorized medicinal products for ED treatment! Never take an ED drug without seeking medical advice and obtaining a prescription as it could be dangerous for you!

Due to their popularity, **erectile dysfunction (ED)** drugs like **sildenafil**, **varденаfil** and **tadalafil** are often subject to counterfeiting and illicit trafficking. In addition, illicit herbal dietary supplements adulterated with these substances have appeared on the illegal market offering an easy and anonymous sale. The risks to health due to falsified ED drugs is mainly related to the high variability of the content of active substance that often lead to an overdose. This intrinsic hazard is amplified because patients who buy counterfeit drugs avoid interaction with the health-care system; in the case of ED, patients deprive themselves of needed screening or treatment for conditions which frequently accompany ED, including diabetes and heart disease.

FOR A FEW OF THEM IT'S TOO LATE.



AND YOU, DO YOU KNOW ENOUGH TO TAKE THE RISK?

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