Heroin enters the brain rapidly and binds to opioid receptors on cells located in many areas, especially those involved in feelings pain and pleasure and controlling heart rate, sleeping, and breathing.

Nearly 80 percent of Americans using heroin (including those in treatment) reported misusing prescription opioids first.

Heroin use during pregnancy can result in neonatal Abstinence syndrome (NAS). NAS occurs when heroin passes through the placenta to the fetus during Pregnancy, causing the baby to become dependent along with the mother.

Because it enters the brain so rapidly, heroin is particularly addictive, both psychologically and physically. Heroin users report feeling a surge of euphoria or "rush," followed by a twilight state of sleep and wakefulness.

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