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Stimulants
Depressants
Hallucinogens
Cannabis and Derivatives
Volatile Substances
Other Drugs of Abuse
Literature

To better serve the very specific needs of researchers and professionals in the area, the Clearinghouse has developed a chart/matrix of drug abuse research which is attached to each DACAS list for use as a quick index reference. The matrix is composed of drug categories more specific than the major subject areas, such as LSD, marihuana, barbiturates, and amphetamines, and research areas and methods including treatment modalities, chemical techniques, biochemical and metabolic studies, and etiology.

Not all articles in the DACAS list are included in the matrix since broad categories, such as Public Information, Law and Public Policy, Community Action, History, and Other Drugs of Abuse, do not require coordinate indexing for quick identification. Citations are already categorized under these headings in the list itself.
The original articles cited in the list are abstracted and entered into the Drug Abuse Information Resources and Materials File, which is part of the Clearinghouse computerized storage and retrieval system. The original articles are not available from the Clearinghouse, but may be obtained from local university or medical libraries.

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COMMUNITY ACTION


1052 Wayne County doctors fight drug abuse with knowledge and understanding. Michigan Medicine, 71(11):370-373, April, 1972.

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CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Courses in Diagnoses, Drug Treatment, Psychotherapy and Special Problems
St. Louis University
St. Louis

Dates: Arranged

Contact: Department of Neurology and Psychiatry
St. Louis School of Medicine
1221 S. Grand Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Drug Abuse and Dependence
Columbia University
New York

Fall, 1972

Contact: Columbia University
School of Public Health
Program of Continuing Education
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21 Audubon Avenue
New York, New York 10032

Prevention and Treatment of Drug Abuse
University of Southern California
Palm Springs

December 8-10, 1972

Contact: University of Southern California
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Los Angeles, California 90033