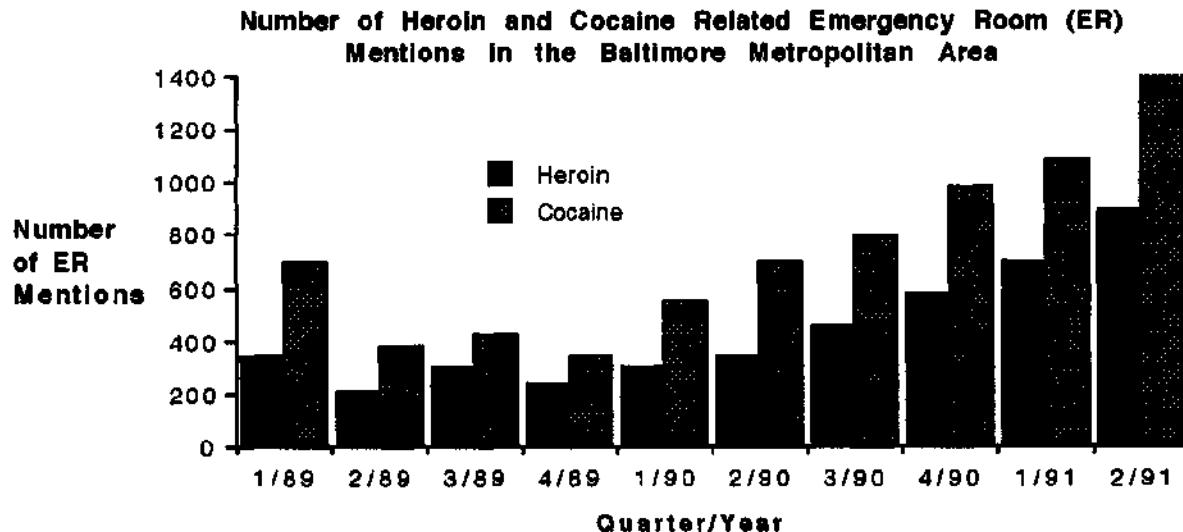


A Weekly FAX From the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Baltimore Leads Country With Largest Increases in Heroin and Cocaine Related Hospital Emergency Room Mentions

Baltimore had the largest increase in heroin Emergency Room (ER) mentions from 2nd quarter 1990 through 2nd quarter 1991 of any of the 21 cities participating in the national Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN). Baltimore ranked 2nd, behind San Francisco, in increases in cocaine ER mentions over the same period. The consistent increasing trend in cocaine and heroin ER mentions signals a potentially large and growing population of dysfunctional users of these drugs in Baltimore.



SOURCE: NIDA, Drug Abuse Warning Network (October 1991 data file; estimates for 1991 are provisional)

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