Toxicology 101 for Attorneys

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The Top 10 Myths

Myth 1: There are drug tests that can pick up every prescription and illicit drug.

Myth 2: A negative result on a drug screen means the person had no drugs in his system.

Myth 3: Everyone's behavior and cognition is the same at a given alcohol level.

Myth 4: Over-the-counter medications do not cause psychomotor impairment.

Myth 5: False positives for cocaine on a drug screen are common.

Myth 6: A drug metabolite is always an inactive form of the parent drug.

Myth 7: It is possible to accurately extrapolate a drug level to another point in time.

Myth 8: All laboratories report drug and alcohol levels with the same units of measurement.

Myth 9: A person was not impaired from a drug if the drug level was within "normal range".

Myth 10: Urine drug levels can be directly correlated to levels of impairment.

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