Krokodil

- **Drug Class**: Opiate
- **Legality**: Schedule I
  - Strictly Prohibited!
- **What is it?**
  - Krokodil is made from Codeine
  - It is cooked and combined with extremely toxic chemicals
    - Red phosphorous
    - Gasoline
    - Hydrochloric Acid
    - Paint thinner
- **Positive Effects**:  
  - Euphoria  
  - Analgesia  
  - Full body relaxation
- **Negative Effects**:  
  - Severe tissue damage  
  - Corrosion of skin and internal organs  
  - Scaly green-gray skin  
  - Respiratory depression  
  - Rotting gums/tooth decay
- **Mechanism of Action**
  - See image to the right
• **Withdrawal symptoms**
  - Feeling horrible physical and psychological pain
  - Anxiety
  - Increased sensitivity to pain
  - Diarrhea
  - Runny nose

• **Krokodil differs from other opiates**
  - Higher addiction likelihood
  - More potent and Faster Acting
  - Users typically die within a year of beginning use

• **Treatment**
  - Antagonist Therapy
    - Given a medication that blocks the effects of the oxycodone
      - Naloxone
      - Naltrexone
  - Substitution Therapy
    - Given a medication that binds to the same receptor but induces a milder effect
      - Methadone
      - Buprenorphine

• **In case of an overdose**
  - Must be rushed to the Emergency Room
  - Will be given Naloxone to block the effects and induce withdrawal
  - Will be monitored for respiratory failure

• **If you or someone you know is abusing or addicted to oxycodone, there is ample therapy and treatment to consider.**
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