

# ALERT on TIANEPTINE

- Tianeptine, sold under the brand names **Stablon**, **Tatinol**, and **Coaxil** among others, is an atypical tricyclic antidepressant which is used mainly in the treatment of major depressive disorder, although it may also be used to treat anxiety, asthma, and irritable bowel syndrome.
- Tianeptine is **NOT** approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Clinical effects of tianeptine abuse and withdrawal can be like opioid addiction, toxicity and withdrawal.
- The FDA continues to receive reports of consumers who have suffered seizures, loss of consciousness or other adverse health events after ingesting this product. The street name for tianeptine is “gas station heroin.”



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## TIANEPTINE, A POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH RISK

### ANTIDEPRESSANT NOT APPROVED IN THE U.S.

PEOPLE MAY BE ABUSING TIANEPTINE BECAUSE OF ITS OPIOID-LIKE EFFECTS

MISUSE CAN LEAD TO SEVERE ADVERSE EFFECTS, DEPENDENCE, AND WITHDRAWAL

### POISON CONTROL CENTER CALLS INCREASING

**218** CALLS FROM 2000 THROUGH 2017

**11** CALLS IN FIRST 14 YEARS

**207** IN MOST RECENT 4 YEARS

### TREATING TIANEPTINE MISUSE

CONSIDER TIANEPTINE MISUSE WHEN PATIENTS HAVE OPIOID-LIKE OVERDOSE OR WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS

CONSULT POISON CONTROL CENTERS (1-800-222-1222) FOR FURTHER MANAGEMENT

National Poison Data System data from 2000-2017 as published in El Zahran, MMWR 2019  
<https://go.usa.gov/xUyT4>

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Talk with your local pharmacy and/or health care provider about Tianeptine

