

Problems Other Than Alcohol

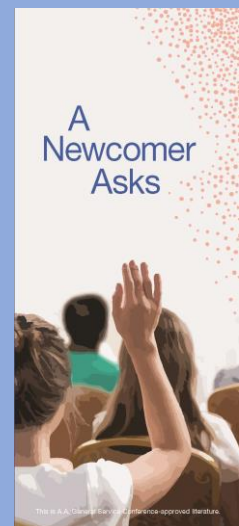
From the earliest days of Alcoholics Anonymous, many alcoholics tend to become dependent on drugs other than alcohol. There have been tragic incidents of alcoholics who have struggled to achieve sobriety only to develop a serious problem with a different drug. Some A.A. members must take prescribed medications for serious medical problems. However, it is generally accepted that the misuse of prescription medication and other drugs can threaten the achievement and maintenance of sobriety.

Here is a list of questions we are often asked:

1. Can a nonalcoholic pill or drug addict become an A.A. member? **No**
2. Can such a person be brought, as a visitor, to an open A.A. meeting for help or inspiration? **Yes**
3. If so, should these nonalcoholic pill or drug users be led to believe that they have become A.A. members? **No**
4. Can a pill or drug taker, who also has a genuine alcoholic history, become a member of A.A.? **Yes**

Am I an alcoholic? Only you can decide. No one in A.A. will tell you whether you are or are not.

Information above are excerpts from the following A.A. pamphlets: The AA Member-Medications & Other Drugs, Problems Other Than Alcohol, and A Newcomer Asks



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