

DETECTING DRUG MISUSE

with Clinical Drug Testing

Results help physicians determine if prescription drugs are being misused or abused—or sometimes not taken at all.



In a recent Health Trends™ survey, 88% of recently surveyed physicians agreed that clinical drug testing is **CRITICAL TO PREVENTING MISUSE.**¹

INCONSISTENT RESULTS CAN OCCUR WHEN:



Additional drugs are found

Prescribed drugs are detected along with at least one other non-prescribed or illicit drug



Different drugs are found

At least one prescribed drug is not detected and at least one other non-prescribed or illicit drug is detected




No drugs are detected


At least one prescribed drug was not detected and no other non-prescribed or illicit drugs detected

WHY WOULD A PRESCRIPTION DRUG NOT BE DETECTED IN TEST RESULTS?

 Not taking as prescribed due to **side effects**

 Selling or giving their drugs to others to **misuse**

 Not taking medication because of **cost**

 Small number of patients may **metabolize** drugs rapidly

75% of physicians recently surveyed agreed that clinical drug testing is **THE ONLY WAY** to truly know what drugs their patients are taking.¹

