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### Activity: Media

#### Treating drug addiction

#### Learning objective

- At the end of this activity you should be able to: • evaluate the use of drugs to treat drug addiction and reduce criminal behaviour.

The clip describes a drug treatment used to treat drug and alcohol dependency.

A. Using the link below, answer the questions that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Gi2MDoJRJk&t=37s>

1. What is Vivitrol?
  2. Why would someone use Vivitrol?
  3. Why is it a good treatment option?
  4. What is the twofold action of Vivitrol?
  5. How does Vivitrol work for alcohol dependency?
  6. How often does a patient have to take Vivitrol?
  7. How long do you have to be sober from opiate drugs to take Vivitrol?
  8. Why do you have to be sober from drugs to take the treatment?
  9. What is the recommendation about alcohol before a patient takes Vivitrol?
  10. What other help does Dr Burns recommend alongside Vivitrol?
  11. What help does Dr Burns recommend if a patient is suffering from depression or anxiety?
- B. In the clip, in addition to the medication assisted treatment, the patients are advised to have other forms of help with their addictions. What does this suggest about the effectiveness of drug treatments?

From more information on the drug mentioned in the clip see the links below:

<https://www.vivitrol.com/opioid-dependence/what-is-vivitrol>