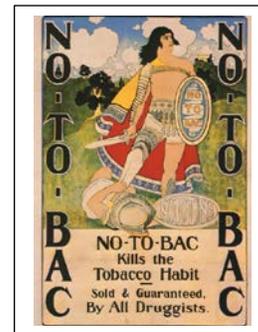
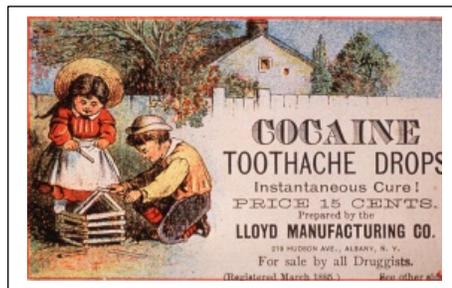


PICK YOUR POISON

INTOXICATING PLEASURES & MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS

The National Library of Medicine, in cooperation with the National Museum of American History, is pleased to present our latest traveling exhibition, ***Pick Your Poison: Intoxicating Pleasures and Medical Prescriptions***. The exhibition explores some of the processes, problems, and potentials inherent in technologies that use life.



Mind-altering drugs have been used throughout the history of America. While some remain socially acceptable, others are outlawed because of their toxic, and intoxicating, characteristics. These classifications have shifted at different times in history, and will continue to change. The six-banner traveling exhibition ***Pick Your Poison: Intoxicating Pleasures & Medical Prescriptions*** explores the factors that have shaped the changing definitions of some of our most potent drugs, from medical miracle to social menace.

A "Digital Gallery" offering a selection of digitized, historical texts from the History of Medicine Division's diverse collections can be found as part of the online version of the exhibition. These images provide viewers with new avenues to explore beyond the exhibition. Educators will also find expanded resources online for middle school and college level classroom use.

Pick Your Poison: Intoxicating Pleasures and Medical Prescriptions began traveling around the United States in April 2015. For more information, contact nlmtravelingexhibts@nlm.nih.gov or visit us on the web at: www.nlm.nih.gov/pickyourpoison

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