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### New Drug Making Headlines

The Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator would like to educate the community on the drug known as Krokodil which is quickly making its way around America. New cases are appearing in Arizona, Chicago, and Illinois.

Krokodil, scientific name desomorphine, is an opiate in the same family as heroin, oxycodone and codeine. Krokodil has a faster onset, shorter duration of high and is more potent than morphine. Receiving its name because of the green, scale-like spots abusers develop after shooting up, Krokodil is growing more popular unfortunately. The drug is easy to produce at home with codeine, gasoline, paint thinner and other ingredients. The finished product isn't purified and may contain toxic substances left over from the cooking process, which cause tissue damage to the veins and flesh and can result in gangrene, or body tissue that rots and dies. The average user dies within two to three years after starting to use the drug.

Red Rock RPC's primary focus is to serve as a prevention community liaison. Red Rock RPC educates and informs communities through multiple strategies including community based services, environmental strategies, early recognition, and referral. We take the proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities. Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For more information about the Regional Prevention Coordinator please visit [www.redrockrpc.com](http://www.redrockrpc.com) or contact the Red Rock RPC at (580)323-9736.