

Technical terms

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Term

Definition

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| Anxiogenic effects | Physiological or psychological responses that provoke or exacerbate anxiety. These effects may be induced by certain drugs, stressors, or neurochemical imbalances, particularly involving the serotonergic or noradrenergic systems. |
| Bradypnea | A clinical term for abnormally slow respiratory rate, typically fewer than 12 breaths per minute in adults. |

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| Cannabinol | <p>A mildly psychoactive cannabinoid found in aged cannabis, formed through the oxidation of THC.</p> <p>Cannabinol is a Class B drug under Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the MDA 197.</p> |
| Dyspnoea | <p>A subjective experience of breathing discomfort, often described as shortness of breath. It can result from respiratory, cardiac, or metabolic.</p> |
| Glasgow Coma scale | <p>A standardized neurological scale used to assess consciousness in trauma or critical care settings. It scores eye opening, verbal response, and motor response, with a total score ranging from 3 (deep coma) to 15 (fully alert).</p> |
| Glucuronidation | <p>A phase II metabolic process in the liver where glucuronic acid is conjugated to drugs or endogenous compounds, increasing their solubility and facilitating renal or biliary excretion. It's a key detoxification pathway.</p> |
| GRAS (Generally Recognised as Safe) | <p>GRAS is an FDA designation for substances added to food that are considered safe by qualified experts, based on scientific evidence or a history of safe use, and therefore do not require formal FDA approval.</p> |
| Pallor | <p>A noticeable paleness of the skin and mucous membranes, often due to reduced blood flow or haemoglobin levels.</p> |
| Psychotropic | <p>Refers to any substance that affects brain function, altering mood, perception, cognition, or behaviour. These include antidepressants, antipsychotics, and anxiolytics, and are commonly used in psychiatric treatment.</p> |