



## Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of Ephedrine vs. Pseudoephedrine vs. P2P

**Context:** This alert was prompted by a call for information from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) on differences between ephedrine- vs. P2P-derived methamphetamine.

**What are Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and P2P?** Ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and P2P are precursor drugs used in the production of methamphetamine.

**What was found?** The related drug terms ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and P2P saw concurrently elevated discussion levels on Reddit in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.

**How is it being discussed?** Concurrent discussion of multiple drug terms affiliated with methamphetamine production suggests new interest in potentially different forms/effects of methamphetamine produced through differing synthesis pathways.

**Drug Terms:** Ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, P2P.