



Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of Modafinil

What was found? The drug modafinil has experienced consistent moderate activity in online discussions over the past three years. Its mentions-to-comment ratio implies that this drug is being discussed by a sparse, moderately active community.

What is Modafinil? Modafinil is a prescription-only central nervous system stimulant intended for people with sleep disorders. It is considered a "eugeroic" or wakefulness-promoting drug. It is often illicitly used as a "nootropic," or a drug intended to enhance cognitive abilities in some way.

How is it being discussed? Modafinil is most often discussed as a mental and physical performance enhancer. Many online commenters warn of negative side effects such as upset stomach or heart palpitations.

Drug Terms: Modafinil, Provigil, Alertec, Modalert