

# Citizens condemn the use of electric shock devices for “ADHD” kids and call on elected representatives to take action

*Questions raised about safety and potential targeting of minority children for these controversial treatments.*

WASHINGTON, DC, USA, May 30, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) called a community gathering in response to the recent trend of ADHD drug abuse by college students and FDA's unexpected approval of an electricity-zapping device for kids 7-12 years old as treatment for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Joining forces with the mental health watchdog were social workers, attorneys and human rights advocates that came to discuss the hidden dangers of such psychiatric treatments and identify community based solutions that will protect our children.



Community activists planning legislative action to protect youth from dangerous ADHD treatments

The month of May was graduation month for the majority of colleges in America with parents and students are celebrating this milestone. However, the stress of finals causes so many college students to turn to the use of ADHD drugs like Adderall and Ritalin to power through the exams that we are now facing a “crisis on campus” [1].

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*Charles Kellner, M.D.*

Although ADHD drugs are categorized by the US Drug Enforcement Administration in the same class as highly addictive substances such as cocaine, morphine and opium [2], nationwide, the popular trend of the so-called “smart pills” has led to a massive illegal marketplace on college campuses. The estimates show that one in three

college students illegally possess ADHD medication [3].

This crisis comes to light only one month after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a device called Monarch eTNS system that sends a low-level electrical pulse through the forehead of 7-12 year olds as treatment for ADHD [4].

The mental health watchdog, Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), says that unsatisfied with the drugging of millions of children with mind-altering drugs associated with mania, psychosis, suicide and even death, psychiatrists turned to the FDA to approve a device

that electric shocks children into docility.

Medical devices using electric treatments do not target only children, the electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) procedure, famously depicted in the film "One Flew over the Cuckoos Nest," is currently being used on pregnant women, the elderly, and vulnerable patients. An estimated 100,000 Americans are shocked each year with up to 460 volts of electricity to the brain, despite many documented irreversible and harmful effects [5].

Psychiatrists admit they don't know how ECT "works." Nor are there clinical studies proving safety and efficacy of ECT devices. Likewise, the exact mechanism of the Monarch eTNS System and its long-term effects is unknown. [6]

Citizens want their legislators to look into which children are being targeted and if it is disproportionately used on minority children.

Simultaneously, an interactive all-day self-guided exhibit showcasing short videos and information on psychiatric drugs and electric shock treatments (<https://www.scientology.tv/documentaries/psychiatry-an-industry-of-death.html>) was displayed at the Founding Church of Scientology Washington, DC, where the community meeting took place.

Citizens Commission on Human Rights is a nonprofit charitable mental health watchdog cofounded in 1969 by the Church of Scientology and professor of psychiatry Dr. Thomas Szasz. It is dedicated to eradicating psychiatric abuse and ensuring patient protection. With headquarters in Los Angeles, California, CCHR International guides a global human rights advocacy network of some 180 chapters across 34 nations. CCHR Commissioners include physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, lawyers, legislators, government officials, educators and civil rights representatives.

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[1] NBC Channel 4, May 13 <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Many-College-Students-Use-ADHD-Drugs-to-Power-Through-Exams-509873161.html>



Director of Citizens Commission on Human Rights Washington, DC, Isabelle Vladoiu convened concerned community activists to a special briefing and discussion on the dangers of psychiatric treatments



Concerns were raised about targeting minorities with controversial ADHD treatments



[2] <https://drugabuse.com/ritalin/>

[3] NBC Channel 4, May 13  
<https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Many-College-Students-Use-ADHD-Drugs-to-Power-Through-Exams-509873161.html>

[4] "FDA approves breakthrough medical device to treat ADHD in children," CBS News, 24 Apr. 2019, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fda-approves-breakthrough-adhd-medical-device-to-treat-children/>;  
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/first-medical-device-treat-adhd-no-drugs/>

[5] Vabren Watts, "Psychiatrists Discuss Benefits, Risks of ECT," Psychiatric News, 15 Jun 2015, <http://psychnews.psychiatryonline.org/doi/full/10.1176/appi.pn.2015.6b16?trndmdshared=>.

[6] "First medical device approved to treat children with ADHD," Voice, 24 Apr. 2019, <https://www.phillyvoice.com/first-medical-device-treat-adhd-no-drugs/>

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Community members toured the interactive exhibit portraying dangers of electric shock treatments



Citizens Commission on Human Rights loudly speaks out for nationwide ban on "torturous" electroshock treatment given 0-5 year olds, pregnant women, elderly, veterans

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