People are addicted to drugs because using them changes the brain. How does this happen, especially when adolescents use drugs? What can be done to protect adolescents from drugs, and how can we help addicts fix their brain and regain control of their lives?

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**Peter Kalivas, Ph.D.,** professor and chair of the Department of Neuroscience, specializes in addiction neuroscience.

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