Athletes everyday use performance enhancing drugs for their own physical improvement, a breeding ground for scandals within their sport. PEDs are illegal to inject privately, and are only available through a certified doctor. Athletes get their hands on the drugs by paying doctors large sums of money. I believe PEDs should remain banned by the government for public distribution for wellbeing, keep it away from the youth, and to keep sports on a level playing field.

PEDs and Synthetic Testosterone are used for the good and bad in society. PEDS and HG are used illegally in extra muscle growth and also for sports performance. The question still is, "why would anyone knowingly cheat, even if they thought they could escape punishment?" Many athletes have been “busted” for using these meds. Some of the most famous athletes are MLB 3rd Basemen Alex Rodriguez and Cyclist Lance Armstrong. They both have been accused of using these drugs for better performance and have both since denied these allegations. Both athletes have had records and trophies stripped from record. These drugs both effect the athletes’ reputation and induce bodily effects long term as explained next.

These medicines can cause multiple health risks short and long term. Short term effects include extreme acne and deformed muscles. Long term are much worse; internal bleeding and organ failure are included and many more. Synthetic Testosterone has some of the same effects but in some cases muscles actually tear and explode under the skin. These drugs also affect your appearance, an oily, yellowish skin tone. A user of these once said, "The feel lasts forever, even when the needle stops.” This quote means that after he stop using the feel of oily skin never went away, making him depressed.

College athletes have started exploring capabilities of using PEDs for physical gain. Track and football players are the most common, helping their legs for fast reaction and speed. The testosterone booster is used in case the athlete’s body isn’t fully developed or an alternative for sleep loss. The FDA says “We have extended research on cases against university athletes, exploring how they are obtained.” This is a good insurance for other athletes that are clean and want a fair chance every time they step onto the field. The athletes caught must miss at least one year of eligibility and the university pay a fine. The money is used by the FDA for more research on the effects of drug abuse.

All in all, abusing drugs are very bad for your health and the people around you. They expose you as a cheater and dirty player. It also effects your health by growing your body too fast with no recover time. Younger athletes such as college and high school believe they should have to take it to succeed, that is false. Finally, don’t use steroids unless it is prescribed or you absolutely need them.