

Drugs beyond therapy
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This presentation aims to offer an introduction to some philosophical questions regarding psychoactive drug use by psychiatry. Particularly, I will defend that, although we mostly consume drugs in a medical paradigm, this practice is frequently better conceptualized beyond therapy, that is to say, beyond the restoration of mental health or normalcy. Given the expansion of psychiatric diagnosis, we are not medicating illness, but obsolescence.

In order to defend this thesis I will rest upon the Jerome C. Wakefield's analysis of mental illness as a *harmful dysfunction*, and then elaborate on the therapy vs enhancement distinction.