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Confronting the Drug Epidemic with Portable Spectroscopy
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According to the United Nations [1], 2021 World Drug Report, there was a 24% increase in drug use by 2019, with one in six people worldwide using drugs annually. [2] By 2019, approximately 286 million people were involved in drug use. [3] As of 2019, over 800,000 people in the U.S. were addicted to opioids [4], and heroin is the most commonly used drug [5]. Severe overdoses and deaths continue to rise with the epidemic of drug use. [6] This poses a major threat to societies, and the need for new technologies to combat drug use is urgent. In this webinar, we’ll take a look at how portable spectroscopy can help.

Portable spectroscopy has never been as powerful as it is in confronting the drug epidemic in the United States. The application of portable spectroscopy to drug overdose scenarios, including drug interdiction, has never been more critical. As the world battles the opioid crisis, portable spectroscopy can be used to identify substances of abuse, allowing for a range of applications from law enforcement to treatment centers.

We’ll discuss the following:

1. Advantages of portable spectroscopy in the field.
2. How spectroscopy can be used to detect and identify drugs and drug-related substances.
3. The role of portable spectroscopy in addressing the opioid crisis.
4. Case studies of how portable spectroscopy has been used in real-world scenarios.

Who should attend:
Researchers, manufacturers, law enforcement, and forensic analysts who want to understand how portable spectroscopy can be used to combat the drug epidemic.

About the presenters:
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