

Method to Detect Morphine Found

University of California pharmacologists have developed a fast, easy method of detecting the presence of morphine in body fluids and tissues.

The method will be useful in diagnosing morphine poisoning and in detecting the drug's presence in addicts and attempted suicides. It may help pathologists determine cause of death in post mortems. The technique is already in use in several California diagnostic laboratories.

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