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Methedrine was the proprietary name given METHAMPHETAMINE hydrochloride by the pharmaceutical company Burroughs Well-come. It was sold in ampules and until 1963-1964 was readily available by prescription. Methedrine (or "meth") became one of the street names of methamphetamine during the 1960s and early 1970s when high-dose methamphetamine ("speed") was a major drug of abuse. It was a particular problem in northern California where, after the manufacturer withdrew commercially made Methedrine from the market in 1963, large quantities of black-market, illicitly synthesized methamphetamine became available for sale.

Figure 1 *Methedrine*

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