Table 12.1 Schedules of Controlled Substances Under the Controlled Substances Act

(1) Schedule I.
- (A) The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.
- (B) The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.
- (C) There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision. Only available for research.
- (D) Includes heroin, LSD, ecstasy, peyote, marijuana, and hashish.

(2) Schedule II.
- (A) The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.
- (B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions. Requires a nonrenewable prescription.
- (C) Abuse of the drug or other substances may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.
- (D) Includes morphine, opium, codeine, cocaine, methamphetamine, PCP, and barbiturates.

(3) Schedule III.
- (A) The drug or other substance has a potential for abuse less than the drugs or other substances in Schedules I and II.
- (B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. Requires a doctor's prescription and may be renewed.
- (C) Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence.
- (D) Common antidiarrheals and cold medicine and pain relievers with low dosages of Schedule II substances such as opium and codeine. Anabolic steroids added in 1991.

(4) Schedule IV.
- (A) The drug or other substance has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in Schedule III.
- (B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. Available by a prescription, which may be renewed.
- (C) Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in Schedule III.
- (D) Depressants and mild tranquilizers: Valium, Librium, and Equanil and other depressants and mild tranquilizers and some stimulants.

(5) Schedule V.
- (A) The drug or other substance has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in Schedule IV.
- (B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. May be purchased over the counter with identification and/or signature.
- (C) Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in Schedule IV.
- (D) Includes cough medicines and antidiarrheals containing small amounts of opium, morphine, or codeine.

Source: 21 U.S.C. § 812 – Schedules of controlled substances.