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Benzodiazepines

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This presentation will review the identity, chemistry and pharmacokinetics of drugs that make up this large class of sedative and hypnotic drugs. Some related drugs including zolpidem, zaleplon and zopiclone will be included. The pharmacology of these drugs will be reviewed particularly in relation to their effects on driving skills. Students will be given a review of the literature that relates to the current epidemiological evidence for their involvement in crash risk as well as a summary of the characteristics of impairment as judged by the Drug Recognition Experts. A review of this material is found in *Forensic Science Reviews* (vol 14, pp 1-14; 2002).