The Office of Technology Assessment undertook this Background Paper in response to a request from the House Committee on Government Operations, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernment Relations. The Subcommittee asked OTA to examine what is known about the effectiveness of treatment for drug abuse and analyze the implications for controlling the spread of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

The analysis was based on information gathered from a wide range of sources. The process included review of published and unpublished studies and related material and extensive discussions with researchers in the field, both from Government and academia.

In July 1990, OTA convened a workshop to discuss a draft of the report. Workshop participants included researchers in the field of drug abuse and AIDS from academia, research organizations, and the Government. The draft report was sent for review to the workshop participants and other experts from a range of disciplines and interests. During July and August 1990, OTA staff revised the report on the basis of the workshop discussion and the comments of other reviewers.

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