The neonates here are not “abstaining” from drug use/exposure but they are suffering from “withdrawal” symptoms.
nant women and their babies including increasing opioid and methadone use among US pregnant women, but also a rapidly increasing need for NICU beds to be dedicated to these neonates. In some nurseries, nearly half of the NICU beds are devoted to NWS babies! This study\textsuperscript{1} included data only on infants admitted to the NICU and excluded infants born before 34 weeks to avoid inclusion of those with iatrogenic drug withdrawal. Thus, even the numbers here, as impressive as they are, represent underestimates of the number of babies affected with NWS.\textsuperscript{2} These data also suggest that increasing proportions of US mothers of babies coming in for routine neonatal/infant care may be continuing to abuse drugs—a scary thought.

**THIS MONTH’S STAMPS**

It seems appropriate to accompany this column with stamps that have an antidrug theme. The 2000 Argentina stamp promotes “Dialogue Against Drugs” by a parent (larger flower) to a child (smaller flower). The graphic 1996 stamp from the Sultanate of Oman notes the United Nations Decade against Drug Abuse, and the United Arab Emirates stamp from 1996 with yellow background exhorts “Say Yes to Life, No to Drugs.” The two Monaco stamps from 1973 graphically portray the consequences of drug abuse, with the slogan “Fight Against Drugs.”

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