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Intravenous drugs do not appear to be the most popular controlled substance among Columbia students. In fact, the school has no formal drug counseling program, and the University Health Service has never sought to determine the number of IV drug users on the campus.

“I’ve only had one person during my four-year practice claim to have a problem with IV drug abuse,” said Peggy Connaghan, assistant director of the health service. “And I consider myself a non-judgmental person who has been able to develop open relationships with her patients.”

Nevertheless, even the occasional IV drug user should worry about exposure to AIDS.

“It is theoretically possible for a person who has shared only one needle to contract the virus,” said Noell Sexton, administrator of the Allergy and Infectious Disease Divisions at St. Luke’s/Roosevelt Hospital Center.

Students concerned about this possibility may make a confidential appointment with Laura Pinsky, a coordinator of the Gay Health Advocates Project, or with a therapist at the College Counseling Service. Both services are open five days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and in most cases students may be seen within a few days.