Loss of form or reaching plateau:

No longer able to perform at the same level as before, or is no longer progressing in his / her training.





Injury: Pressure to return to training quickly, recover better and faster, or lack of recovery from injury

Key Periods for Adoption of Steroid Use within Bodybuilding/Fitness

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Transition periods linked with adoption / cessation: Adoption linked with potential to move from amateur to professional level; Cessation associated with life transitions such as getting married and starting a family.





Supplements: Use of licit performance enhancers (e.g., nutritional supplements) may facilitate fascination with performance enhancement that may encourage steroid use