

CRUSHED by mounting career and personal pressures, Britney Spears suffered a complete meltdown – prompting her to beg a prominent detox specialist to make an emergency house call, sources say.

An insider exclusively tells *The ENQUIRER* that Britney uses a bizarre drug – she sucks on potentially lethal “lollipops” laced with a narcotic that can be up to 80 times more potent than morphine.

Desperate to help their troubled daughter, Britney’s divorced parents Lynne and Jamie Spears have hired a private eye to track her, insiders say.

But her parents were not around when top detox specialist Dr. Stuart Finkelstein rushed to the 25-year-old singer’s Beverly Hills mansion during her recent crisis, sources say.

“Britney was in a really bad way – even for her,” a close friend of the “Toxic” singer told *The ENQUIRER*.

“She was extremely depressed, seemingly disoriented and out of control. She’d just finalized some tour dates, and she realized that she had to get herself together if she was going to go out on the road and perform.”

SO BRITNEY CONTACTED Dr. Finkelstein – called Dr. Stuey by some of his patients – who’s also treated Michael Jackson and Robert Downey Jr.

“Dr. Stuey has treated Britney before, so she felt comfortable calling him again,” said her friend.

“Even though it was Sunday, she begged him to drive to Beverly Hills. Obviously, Dr. Stuey felt Britney’s condition was serious enough for him to drop what he was doing and rush up to see her.”

Besides the pressure of touring to promote her comeback CD, Britney faces a legal battle with ex-husband Kevin Federline over custody of their two boys.

“Britney feels that Kevin could file a motion for full custody any



Sometimes she'd pass out after sucking a morphine pop

day now – and her lawyers have advised her that she needs to be 100 percent drug-free to keep the current custody agreement in place,” said the source.

“She’s also hired another agent to help her score a spot on the upcoming Video Music Awards – and that’s not an appearance to take lightly,” said her friend.

And if she’s serious about staying clean, she’s on the right track with Dr. Finkelstein, an internal medicine physician who developed a groundbreaking technique called “blood cleansing.”

He uses a pharmacological innovation called Suboxone, which allows patients to detox on an outpatient basis. Approved by the FDA in 2002, Suboxone is one of the first addiction-fighting drugs that can be prescribed and administered from a doctor’s office.

Although Britney has denied having a drug or alcohol problem, she spent a month at Promises rehab in Malibu earlier this year.

And in a worldwide exclusive, an insider tells *The ENQUIRER* that she’s used drug-laced “lollipops” for the past three years.

“Britney carries the ‘pops’ in her purse,” revealed a source.

“It’s an inside joke that when Britney says: ‘I’m craving candy right now. I need a lollipop,’