

Fentanyl is an opioid similar to fentanyl that has recently been found in illicit drugs. It is licensed for use in large animals under strict safety conditions & not intended for humans. An amount the size of a grain of sand can be lethal.


Fatal doses: Fentanyl and its analogs are so powerful a fatal dose may be invisible to the naked eye.

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Prescription fentanyl is made in lozenges, liquid injection, or transdermal (skin) patch form. Illicit fentanyl is being made to imitate Oxycodone pills ("shady eights") and heroin by mixing it with other chemicals & dyes. It has also been found in non-opioid illicit drugs such as cocaine & crystal meth.

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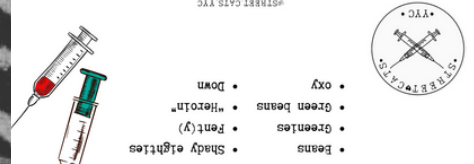


A powerful opioid medication that is typically prescribed for severe pain in its legal form, but is now also being made illegally in illicit labs for recreational ("street") use. Illicit fentanyl is up to 100 times more potent than morphine and causes higher rates of overdose.

STREET NAMES

- Beans
- Shady eights
- Green beans
- "Heroin"
- Pent(y)
- Down
- oxy

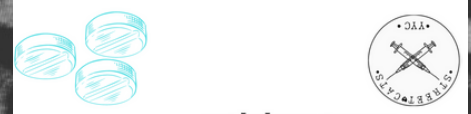
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Drugs that bind to opioid receptors to relieve pain and depress the central nervous system (aka "painkillers").

- Cause feelings of intense pleasure/excitement (euphoria)
- decreased breathing rate
- drowsiness
- slow/slurred speech & constricted pupils

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TYPICAL OPIOID OVERDOSE

RISKS

- Mixing different drugs: street, store, or prescription
- Using a new drug, trying a new route, or general decreased tolerance
- Reduced tolerant: can occur within hours
- Recent & frequent overdoses
- Illness


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PREVENTION

- Do not use alone
- Use safer routes
- Do not mix drugs
- Do a small test dose first
- Know signs & symptoms of an overdose
- Carry a naloxone Kit & call 911 for help

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TYPICAL OPIOID OVERDOSE

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Loss of consciousness- Unresponsive to outside stimulus
- Awake, but unable to talk
- Breathing is very slow & shallow, erratic, or has stopped
- Skin tone turns bluish purple or turns grayish or ashen, Fingernails & lips turn blue or purplish black
- Choking sounds, or a snore-like gurgling noise
- Vomiting
- Body is very limp
- Face is very pale or clammy
- Pulse (heartbeat) is slow, erratic, or not there at all

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Typical Opioid overdose

OVERDOSE RESPONSE

Always perform a safety check of your surroundings for sharps, blood, or traces of drug that could pose a risk to you before responding to an overdose


Follow the **SAVE ME** steps below to respond. If the person must be left unattended at any time, put them in the recovery position.



- Stimulate** Unresponsive? CALL 911
- Airway**
- Ventilate** 1 breath every 5 seconds
- Evaluate**
- Muscular Injection** 1 ml of naloxone. Continue to provide breaths until the person is breathing on their own.
- Evaluate 2nd dose?** If no response after 3-5 minutes give another injection.

Stay with the person until EMS arrives

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OVERDOSE

OVERDOSES

What are they?
What can I do?

Typical Overdose
Dyskinetic
Muscle Rigidity
Overamping

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