

Fentanyl in Our Community



What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid. In its prescription form it is prescribed for pain, but fentanyl is also made illegally and distributed as a street drug. Illegal fentanyl is sold as a powder or made into pills that look like legitimate prescription pills.

Fentanyl works by binding to the body's opioid receptors, which are found in areas of the brain that control pain and emotions. Its effects include euphoria, drowsiness, nausea, confusion, constipation, sedation, tolerance, addiction, respiratory depression and arrest, unconsciousness, coma, and death.



Fentanyl Facts

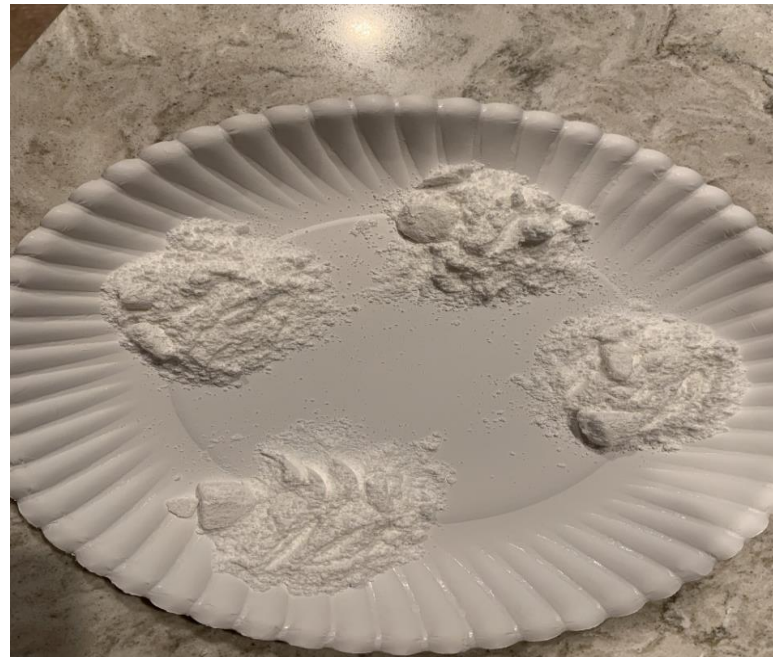
- Fentanyl has legitimate uses
- In 2022, approximately 106,000 people died from a fatal overdose in the US
- It only takes 14 granules of fentanyl to cause a fatal overdose
- Fentanyl is being mixed into other narcotics such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine.
- It is cheap and accessible and extremely addictive
- Naloxone can help save lives but it is not guaranteed
- New types of pills are constantly popping up



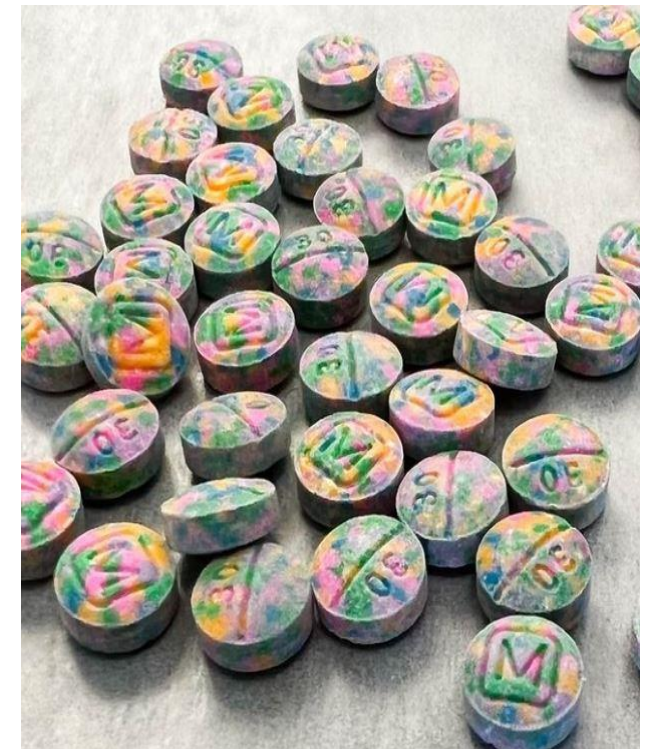
How is Fentanyl Made?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdoRAjlrhs>

Why is Fentanyl so Deadly? The Sugar Analogy



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What Next?

- Learn about social media trends
- Know about resources available for help in the community
- Educate and talk to others about the issue. The greatest way to reduce fatal overdoses is prevention and education.
- Fentanyl is not when it will result in an overdose it is when
- Have Naloxone available if someone you are around has a substance abuse problem



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