

FENTANYL – Know the dangers, save your life.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid first discovered in 1959 and it's primary use has been as an anesthetic.

For a number of years fentanyl is known to have been added to heroin and the potent combination has been responsible for many overdoses in the US and Canada.

Fentanyl can be obtained on prescription in the UK and is often used in the treatment of chronic pain in cancer sufferers. It can be prescribed in a number of forms including as a patch, tablet, lozenge and nasal spray.



However there have been reported cases of Fentanyl being found in medication freely obtained over the internet.

Fentanyl is reportedly 40-50 times more potent than Heroin and 50-100 times more potent than morphine.

Opioids attach to the brain's MU receptors to release DOPAMINES throughout the body giving the relaxed high feeling.

Fentanyl has a nonpolar molecular structure allowing it to pass through the blood brain barrier much easier. As a result, it gets into the brain quicker and when too much has passed into the brain it quickly overpowers the receptors and can cause the body to stop breathing.

A VERY SMALL AMOUNT INGESTED OR ABSORBED THROUGH YOUR SKIN CAN KILL YOU.

A fentanyl overdose as with other overdoses from opioids such as Heroin, morphine, Codeine, Percocet, Vicodin Methadone, can be treated with the drug NAXOLONE which can quickly reverse the effects by dislodging the opioids from the receptors in the brain and reinstating the breathing mechanism.

Below are links to two very good information and awareness videos that will shortly appear on the SWPF website.

Link to FENTANYL awareness video produced by The Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

<https://youtu.be/w48y6tzkpkg>

Link to FENTANYL awareness video produced by the DEA.

<https://youtu.be/zMKvJ7sE0io>