

Fentanyl

What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid analgesic that is similar to morphine and is 50 to 100 times more potent. It is typically used to treat patients with severe pain or to treat patients with chronic pain who are physically tolerant to other opioids.

What is Counterfeit Fentanyl?

Counterfeit Fentanyl is a non-pharmaceutical grade opioid illicitly manufactured in illegal laboratories (non registered, underground).



How does Fentanyl effect the body?

Fentanyl binds the opioid receptors to the brain that control pain and emotions producing a state of intoxication and relaxation.

Fentanyl can also cause:

- Nausea
- Constipation
- Drowsiness
- Sedation
- Confusion
- Addiction
- Unconsciousness
- Respiratory arrest
- Coma
- Death



Influx of illicitly manufactured Fentanyl increases risk of Fentanyl-related overdose and fatalities.

Resources:

- 1) CDC Health Update: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han./00395.asp>
- 2) DEA Warning to Police and Public: <https://www.dea.gov/divisions/hq/2016/hq061016.shtml>



How is Fentanyl Abused?

Fentanyl is abused by:

- Swallowing
- Snorting
- Injected
- Putting blotter paper under the tongue

What variety of products does Fentanyl come in?

Forms of Fentanyl are:

- Pill
- Powder
- Spiked on blotter paper
- Mixed with heroin
- Mixed with other less potent opioids (i.e. Xanax)

In Case of an Emergency

Call 911

Or

Get to the nearest Emergency Room



Kitsap County Substance Abuse
Prevention and Youth Programs
[http://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/
substanceabuse/](http://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/substanceabuse/)

