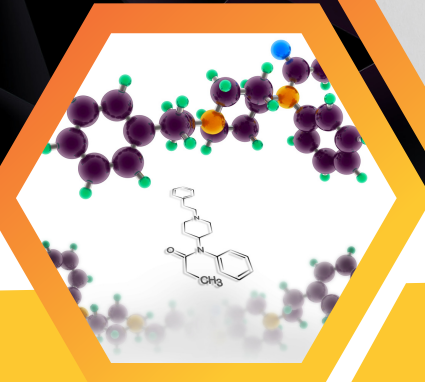


DRUG FACT SHEET

FENTANYL



Fentanyl
 Fentanyl Transdermal System
 Système transdermique de fentanyl
 Each patch contains: 2.063 mg of fentanyl for a nominal *in vivo* dose of 12 mcg/h fentanyl for 72 hours.
 Chaque timbre contient : 2,063 mg de fentanyl pour une administration nominale *in vivo* de 12 mcg/h fentanyl pendant 72 heures.



WHAT IS FENTANYL?

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use as an analgesic (pain relief) and anesthetic. It is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin as an analgesic.

How is it abused?

Fentanyl can be injected, snorted/sniffed, smoked, taken orally by pill or tablet, and spiked onto blotter paper. Fentanyl patches are abused by removing its gel contents and then injecting or ingesting these contents. Patches have also been frozen, cut into pieces, and placed under the tongue or in the cheek cavity. Illicitly produced fentanyl is sold alone or in combination with heroin and other substances and has been identified in counterfeit pills, mimicking pharmaceutical drugs such as oxycodone.

What is the effect on the body?

Fentanyl, similar to other commonly used opioid analgesics (e.g., morphine), produces effects such as relaxation, euphoria, pain relief, sedation, confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, urinary retention, pupillary constriction, fatalities, ranging from 2,666 in 2011 to 31,335 in 2018.

What are common street names?

- Apache
- China Girl
- China Town
- Dance Fever
- Friend
- Goodfellas
- Great Bear
- He-Man
- Jackpot
- King Ivory
- Murder 8
- Tango & Cash

What does it look like?

Fentanyl pharmaceutical products are currently available in the following dosage forms: oral, effervescent buccal tablets, sublingual tablets, sublingual sprays, nasal sprays, transdermal patches, and injectable formulations. Clandestinely produced fentanyl is encountered either as a powder or in counterfeit tablets and is sold alone or in combination with other drugs such as heroin or cocaine.

What are the overdose effects?

Overdose may result in stupor, changes in pupillary size, cold, and clammy skin, cyanosis, coma, and respiratory failure leading to death. The presence of triad of symptoms such as coma, pinpoint pupils, and respiratory depression are strongly suggestive of opioid poisoning.

What are the overdose effects?

Drugs that cause similar effects include other opioids such as morphine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, hydromorphone, methadone, and heroin.

What is the legal status in the Federal Control Substances Act?

Fentanyl is a Schedule II narcotic under the United States Controlled Substances Act of 1970.