

Four Facts About Fentanyl

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Fentanyl is incredibly powerful and can cause an overdose.

Fentanyl is an opioid that is typically used in the hospital setting to treat severe pain. Fentanyl is 50-100 times more potent than morphine.

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Fentanyl can be addictive.

Like other opioids, there is a risk of developing dependence or addiction. Additionally, it is fast-acting and short-lived. This could create the need for more frequent doses, increasing risk of overdose.

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It can be cut into other drugs.

It can be sold in pill or powder form, and cut with other drugs like heroin or cocaine. You can't see it, smell it, or taste it.

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Fentanyl-related deaths have skyrocketed in the last few years.

Fentanyl-related deaths accounted for 8% of all opioid overdose deaths in 2013. It spiked to 31% in 2015.