FENTANYL

(FENT, DOWN)

WHAT IS IT?

Fentanyl is an opioid that is used both as a pharmaceutical pain medication and as a recreational drug. It is highly potent and has a quick onset and short duration.

Pharmaceutical fentanyl is available as tablets, injections and slow release patches applied to the skin.

Outside of medical settings, fentanyl is commonly bought and sold as powder that comes in various colours and textures.

HOW DO I TAKE IT?

Fentanyl can be injected, snorted, smoked and swallowed.

DOSAGE

Due to the unregulated market, fentanyl can vary widely in concentration and may contain unexpected drugs like benzos.

Dosage will also depend on method of consumption and individual tolerance.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Opiates, including fentanyl, structurally mimic naturally occurring endorphins and bind to opioid receptors in the brain, which results in the feeling of euphoria, pain relief and sedation.

ONSET/DURATION

Onset and duration depend on the composition of the substance and how it is consumed. If injected or smoked, initial effects can occur within seconds. Effects can last from 1 – 5 hours.

EFFECTS

Effects may include euphoria, sedation, nodding off, physical and emotional pain relief, tranquility, reduced anxiety, and calmness. Dehydration, nausea, constipation may occur. Slowed breathing can occur, potentially leading to overdose.

WHAT ARE WE FINDING?

The composition and strength of fentanyl that we see varies greatly. The concentration of fentanyl can be lower than 5% or greater than 30%. The average strength of fentanyl that we have seen recently is around 10%. In recent months, benzos have frequently shown up in fentanyl samples. We can test your drugs and let you know the cutting agents and approximate fentanyl concentration.

Occasionally samples contain fentanyl analogues, such as carfentanil, that are

more potent than fentanyl.

HARM REDUCTION

- Because the composition and potency of heroin can vary greatly, start low and go slow.
- Whether smoking, injecting or snorting, try to have your own gear
- Tolerance can develop quickly and lower after taking a break. If you haven't used in a while, start low.
- Mixing heroin with other substances (including alcohol) can have unexpected and potentially dangerous effects.
- If mixing, start low and go slow.
- When possible, use with someone you trust that knows how to administer naloxone.

MORE INFO

https://psychonautwiki.org/wiki/fentanylhttps://www.erowid.org/pharms/fentanylhttps://https://harmreductionto.ca/fentanylhttps://drugs.tripsit.me/fentanyl

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