# FENTANYL

## WHAT IS IT?

### A QUICK OVERVIEW OF FENTANYL

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid manufactured pharmaceutically for severe pain management. It is also made in a non-pharmaceutical form. It is about 50x more potent than heroin and 80-100x stronger than morphine.

## HOW FENTANYL USED MEDICALLY

In a clinical setting, fentanyl is prescribed in a lozenge or pill form, or as a patch that transfers the medication through the skin where it is applied. It is frequently used during cancer treatments

## WHY FENTANYL IS IN ILLICIT DRUGS

Illicit Fentanyl is cheap to make and generally easy to produce. It is being distributed throughout the U.S. No community is immune from its impact.

## HOW FENTANYL IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC

Illicit Fentanyl is a significant contributor to our growing overdose epidemic. Street drugs such as heroin, cocaine, and meth are being contaminated with fentanyl and 'fake pills' are readily available from street dealers and social media sites. No pill is safe unless it came from a legitimate pharmacy!

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