

What Is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid. It is like heroin but 50-100 times stronger.

It is a prescription pain killer used to treat severe pain, especially after surgery.

Now fentanyl is in the illegal drug supply and the risks are much greater.

Fentanyl is being put in heroin, in fake OXY tablets, and even in cocaine, ecstasy and meth.

Using heroin, oxycontin, and other opioids puts you at risk of overdosing.

Expect that fentanyl will be in all street and internet opioids, including pills.

Why Should I Be Concerned?

In 2020, there were over 93,000 drug overdose deaths in the U.S.

Twice as many people died from fentanyl overdoses than were killed in car accidents.

In Santa Clara County fentanyl deaths increased 300% from 2019 to 2020.

Is Fentanyl Addictive?

Fentanyl, like all opiates, is extremely addictive. Even taking prescription fentanyl as instructed by a doctor can quickly lead to dependence and addiction.

Resources

Naloxone (Narcan) is available free at these clinics:

Central Valley Clinic
2425 Enborg Lane
San Jose
(408) 855-5400

Alexian Health Clinic
2101 Alexian Drive
San Jose
(408) 272-6577

South County Clinic
90 Highland Avenue
San Martin
(408) 852-2420

For more information go to: www.ExpectFentanyl.org



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EXPECT FENTANYL

Fentanyl is a killer opioid.

**Most OXY and heroin have fentanyl in them now.
It's even in cocaine, ecstasy, and meth.**



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FENTANYL RULES

**If you play with opioids
you have to know the rules.**

Don't use alone

Most overdose deaths happen when there is no one there to get help.

If you are using risky drugs make sure there are other people around.

If anything goes wrong, call 911 right away and stay with the person until help arrives.

Get naloxone (Narcan)

Naloxone is a drug that stops overdoses and saves lives.

Pharmacists can dispense naloxone without a prescription or you can get it free at the resources listed in this brochure.

Drug users, friends and family can use this nasal spray to save someone who is overdosing.

Know your source

When you buy drugs you are putting your life in your friend or dealers' hands.

A trusted connection will know what they are selling and can give you information about it.

Before you get drugs from somebody ask yourself:

Have they been selling drugs for a longtime?

Do they care about the people they provide drugs to?

Do they have longtime satisfied customers?

Do they test or use the drugs they sell?