



# ***HOT Sheet***

## **Fentanyl**

- A powerful synthetic opioid pain killer, similar to morphine, but is 50 to 100 times more potent.
- One of the strongest opiate drugs on the market. It is used to treat severe breakthrough post-surgery pain and some types of chronic pain.
- Pharmaceutical grade fentanyl is a schedule II prescription drug. It is often administered via injection, transdermal patch, nasal spray, or lozenge.
- Pharmaceutical grade fentanyl is known by such names as Actiq, Duragesic, and Sublimaze.
- Non-pharmaceutical fentanyl is sold as a powder, spiked on blotter paper, mixed with or substituted for heroin, or as tablets that mimic other, less patented opioids.
- Street names for fentanyl or for fentanyl-laced heroin include Apache, China Girl, China White, Dance Fever, Goodfella, Jackpot, Murder 8, TNT, and Tango and Cash.
- The high potency of fentanyl greatly increases risk of overdose, especially if a person who uses drugs is unaware that a powder or pill contains fentanyl.
- Effects include euphoria, drowsiness, nausea, confusion, constipation, sedation, tolerance, addiction, respiratory depression and arrest, unconsciousness, coma, and death.
- Overdoses of fentanyl should be treated with Naloxone (Narcan) and may require higher doses to successfully reverse the overdose. The medication Naloxone is an opioid receptor antagonist that reverses opioid overdose and restores normal respiration.

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