

Effects of Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid similar to morphine and heroin, however is 50 to 100 times stronger. Fentanyl is typically used to treat patients with severe pain, especially after surgery. It is a prescription drug that is also produced and sold illegally.

When prescribed by a doctor, fentanyl can be given as a shot, a patch that is put on a person's skin, or as lozenges that are sucked like cough drops. Illegally made fentanyl can be snorted as powder, put in eye droppers and nasal sprays, dissolved and injected, or made into pills to be ingested orally.

Brain

Hallucinations
Depresses the nervous system
Confusion
Releases dopamine chemicals,
stimulates brains pleasure centres

Body

Chest tightness
Rapid heartbeat
Pounding in ears
Poor balance and coordination
Respiratory arrest
Pneumonia
Nasal septum damage (if snorted)
Dizziness and headaches
Itching

Behaviour

Mood swings
Abnormal thoughts
Depression

