

EFFECTS OF FENTANYL

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid similar to morphine and heroin, however it 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 brain's pleasure centre

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

