

EFFECTS OF HEROIN

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

- Damage to brain stem or cerebral cortex
- Delusions or hallucinations
- Delayed verbal memory
- Depression
- Confusion
- Memory loss
- Lack of oxygen to brain

BODY

- Lack of appetite
- Respiratory depression
- Drowsiness and mental clouding
- Nausea and vomiting
- Enlarged pupils
- Runny nose
- Sedation
- Dry mouth
- Slowed heart rate
- Gastrointestinal problems

BEHAVIOUR

- Drastic violent episodes
- Hyperactivity followed by fatigue
- Shift in core values
- Difficulty with responsibility
- Slurred and hard to understand speech

