



!!!EMERGING DRUG WARNING!!!



Nitazenes & Medetomidine In NYC's Drug Supply!

Nitazenes

Nitazenes are becoming increasingly common in the drug supply, so read below to learn more!

Nitazenes are synthetic opioids with varying potencies, with some samples testing for potencies up to 10x that of fentanyl.

- Signs of Overdose (Use Narcan & Call 911): Slow/shallow breathing, bluish/greyish lips and complexion, passing out, coma, and death.
- Signs of Withdrawal (May Require Medical Attention): Excessive sweating, restless legs, fever, dizziness, flu-like symptoms, blackouts, anxiety, and panic attacks.

Medetomidine

Medetomidine is becoming increasingly common in the drug supply, so read below to learn more!

Medetomidine is a tranquilizer similar to xylazine, but significantly more potent-current testing is showing it to be 100x that of xylazine.

- Signs of Withdrawal (May Require Medical Attention): Fast heart rate (>100 beats per minute), dangerously high blood pressure (>180/100), uncontrollable nausea and vomiting, tremors, excessive sweating, and changing levels of alertness.
- Effects of Use: Heavy sedation, low blood pressure, slowed heart rate, dizziness, extreme tiredness, shortness of breath, nausea, blurred vision, and confusion.
- Association With Opioid Use & Overdose Response: While medetomidine is not an opioid, it is almost always used with opioids. This means that it is possible that, after administering Narcan to someone who shows signs of opioid overdose, they may remain sedated and non-responsive, even if the overdose is successfully reversed. To tell when an overdose has been reversed, **ensure the person takes at least one breath every 5 seconds and is not pale, gray, or blue.**
- Dehydration & Increased Risk of Overdose: Using medetomidine causes more frequent urination and increases the risk of dehydration, in addition to overdose. **If using, hydrate often!**

IF USING STREET DRUGS...



USE NARCAN & CALL 911 IF YOU OVERDOSE!



DON'T USE ALONE!



USE SLOWLY!



STAY WARM!



HYDRATE OFTEN!

USE TEST STRIPS AND DRUG CHECKING LABS!

Check drug supplies for nitazenes and medetomidine using nitazene and medetomidine drug testing strips, OR utilize a drug checking lab with OnPoint NYC, VOCAL-NY, Harlem United, BOOM!Health, or Housing Works (Cylar House).

If you think someone is overdosing, use Narcan and call 911!

CLICK OR TAP FOR FREE TEST STRIPS

