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Testing for Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a very powerful opioid drug that is many times more powerful than heroin. Using fentanyl can easily and without forewarning end up in an overdose. Fentanyl is found in just about every street drug.

Things to Consider



- Being aware if fentanyl is present allows people to implement appropriate harm reduction strategies to reduce the risk of an overdose
- Fentanyl test strips can identify the presence of fentanyl in unregulated drugs. They can be used to test injectable drugs, powders, and pills
- If there is an overdose that is suspected to be from fentanyl, use Naloxone (Narcan®) - always carry Naloxone (Narcan®)!

Sources of Fentanyl



- Fentanyl is found in just about every street drug
 - a) Opioids such as heroin, pain killers
 - b) Methamphetamines (meth, crank, speed, etc.)
 - c) Pills (often counterfeits sold as the real thing)
 - d) Cocaine
- There's almost no way to predict dosage, so people often don't know how much drug they are taking

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Prepare for your Test



- If you are injecting, first prepare your shot but do not shoot up yet. Next, add ten drops of water to your cooker and stir well.
- If you are snorting your drugs, add ten drops of water into the empty baggie that your drugs came in and mix well.
- If you are using pills, you can crush one in an empty baggie and then dump out the powder. Then add ten drops of water into the baggie and mix well.
- If you are using Meth, add one cup of water into the baggie or container and mix well. You must dilute well to ensure a valid test.

Perform Test



- Open test packet and remove the test strip - do not touch the "results" area of the strip
- Dip the test strip into the diluted drug container (cooker, baggie, etc.) and leave in the solution for 15 seconds
- Remove the strip and check for results



- If you see only one **red** line in the middle of the test, it means that your drugs have fentanyl in them - **Have naloxone with you and use with someone who isn't using at the same time as you. If you overdose, they can call 911 and give you naloxone. Learn how you can be safer when you use drugs.**
- If you see two lines in the middle of the test, it means that the test strip is negative. The second line could be very faint, but that still means it is negative. - **You still need to be careful. Your drugs may still be mixed with fentanyl or mixed with something else that the strips cannot find.**

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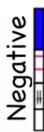
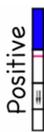


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