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Fentanyl: A Briefing

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What is fentanyl?

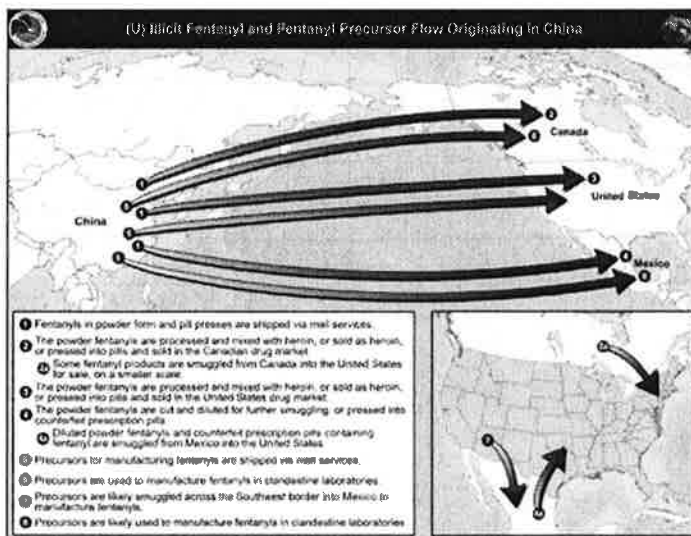
- **Fentanyl is a synthetic (man-made) opioid 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine.**
- **It is in CSA Schedule II due to its potential for abuse and dependence**
- **It is typically seen as injection, transdermal patches and lozenges**

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What is fentanyl?

- Pharmaceutical fentanyl is primarily prescribed to manage severe pain, such as with cancer and end-of-life palliative care
- Non-pharmaceutical fentanyl (i.e. clandestine) is often mixed with heroin and/or cocaine or pressed into counterfeit pills—often without the user’s knowledge

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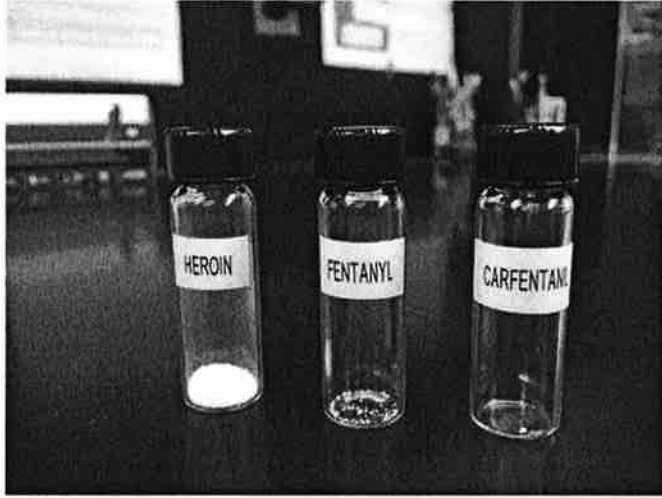
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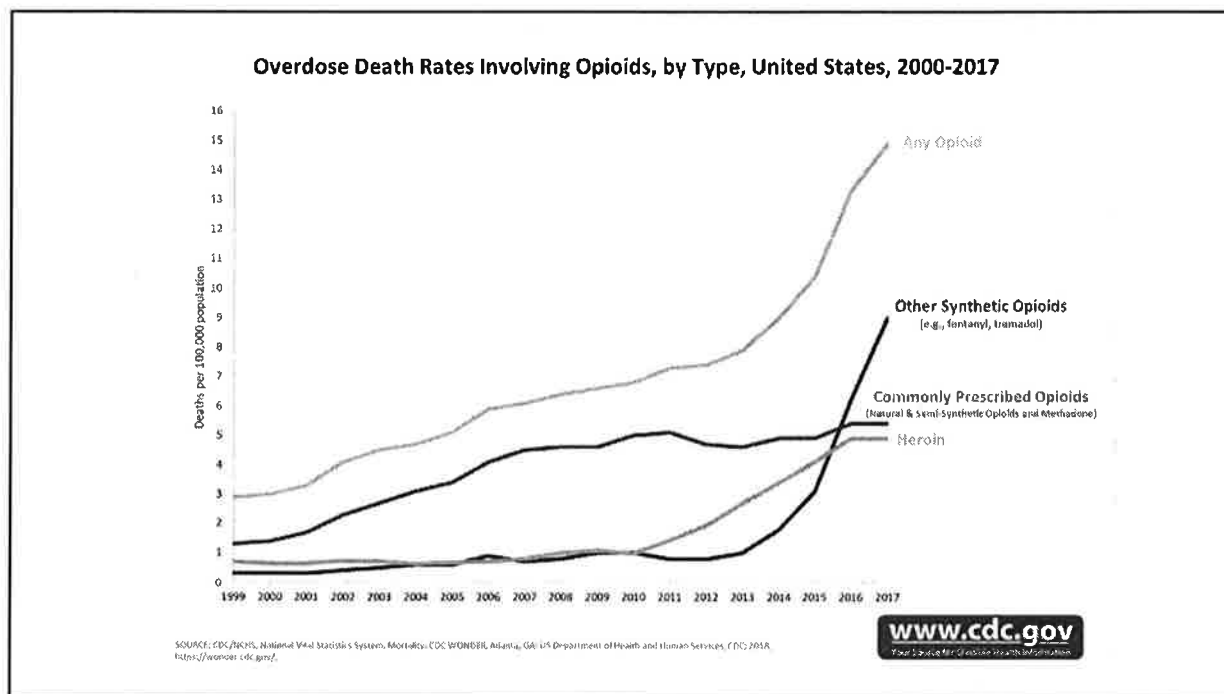
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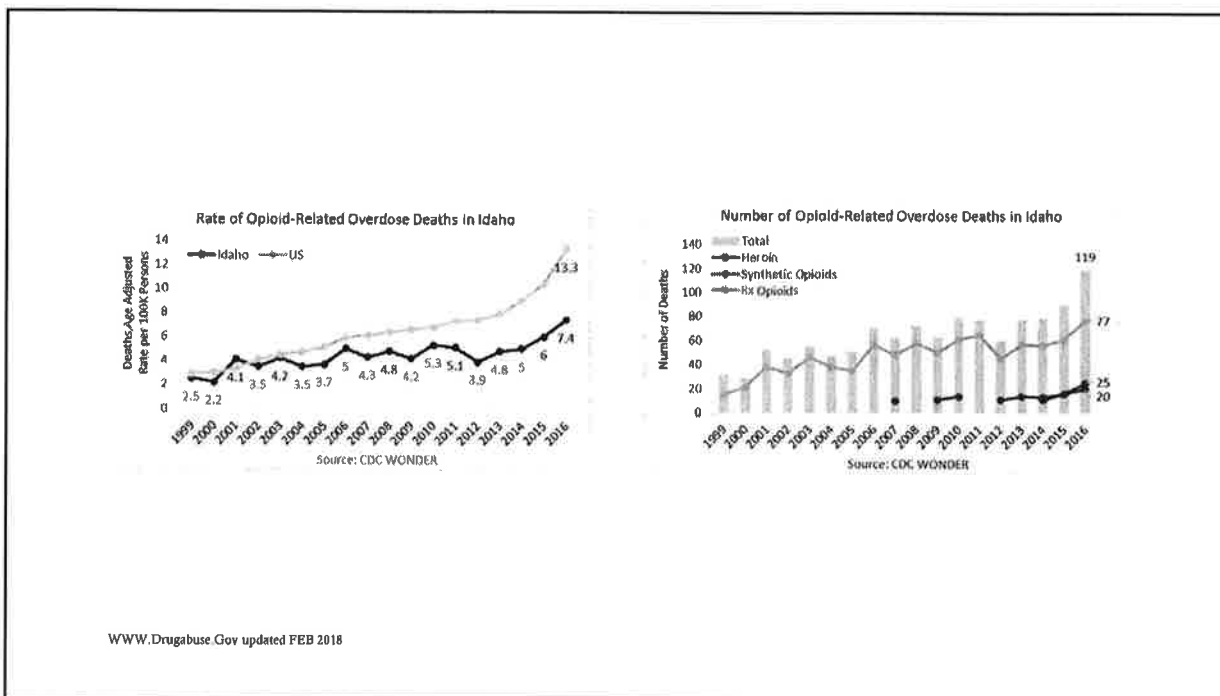
Lethal Doses of

Heroin, Fentanyl & Carfentanil



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Fentanyl Analogs	Compared to Morphine
Fentanyl	80 to 100x
Acetylfentanyl	15x
Valerylfentanyl	< 20x
Furanylfentanyl	20x
Butyrylfentanyl	20 to 25x
Acrylfentanyl	100x
3-Methylfentanyl	400x trans and 6000x cis isomers
Carfentanil	10 000 to 100 000x

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