FENTANYL 101
An introduction to the Fentanyl crisis in the U.S.

What are fentanyl and fentanyl analogues?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50–100 times more potent than morphine. Doctors prescribe fentanyl in medical settings, but drug traffickers manufacture black market fentanyl and sell it illegally.

![Chemical structures of drugs]

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POTENCY compared to MORPHINE

There are over 40 analogues (variations) of fentanyl.

To evade prosecution, chemists alter the fentanyl molecule to create new analogues.

Fentanyl is not just deadly to users.

Several law enforcement and first responders have overdosed during investigations.

In 2016, the DEA urged officers to limit drug testing to lab settings because of the possibility of exposure.

Accidental inhalation or ingestion of just a few grains is enough to cause an overdose.
How does fentanyl get to the U.S.?
Drug cartels take advantage of their existing smuggling routes to get fentanyl into the U.S.

China ➔ Canada ➔ Mexico ➔ U.S.

How does it get into medicine?
Cartels have moved from lacing heroin with fentanyl to using Percocet, Xanax, and oxycodone molds to press counterfeit prescription pills.

You can buy a pill press online for as little as $200!

How does it kill people?

This much fentanyl will kill you.

SEIZURES
LOW BLOOD PRESSURE
SUPPRESSED HEARTBEAT

Ultimately, sufferers die because they STOP BREATHING.
How does it threaten American patients?

Criminals sell these pills on the street and online.

You may get deadly counterfeits with fentanyl anytime you buy outside of licensed U.S. pharmacies.

The only way to ensure safe prescription drugs is to buy from a licensed U.S. pharmacy selling FDA-approved products.

Georgia resident Betty Jean Collins was poisoned by one of her husband's pain relievers.

Patients who encounter counterfeit pills made with fentanyl or its analogues think they are taking legitimate medication.

“They tried to tell me I took an overdose... I didn’t take no overdose.”

Georgia resident Betty Jean Collins MEDICINE LOOKS LEGIT
Former FBI Director Louis Freeh warns that drug importation proposals will worsen the opioid and fentanyl crisis and cause more patient harm!

DEA, FBI, FDA, Interpol, and local police warn that "proposals to allow drug importation from or through Canada would turn the advantage from law enforcement to criminal organizations."

Drug importation opens the floodgates to dangerous counterfeit drugs made with fentanyl. Drug importation is a bad idea.

Read about why drug importation is dangerous: http://safedr.ug/Freeh-Report