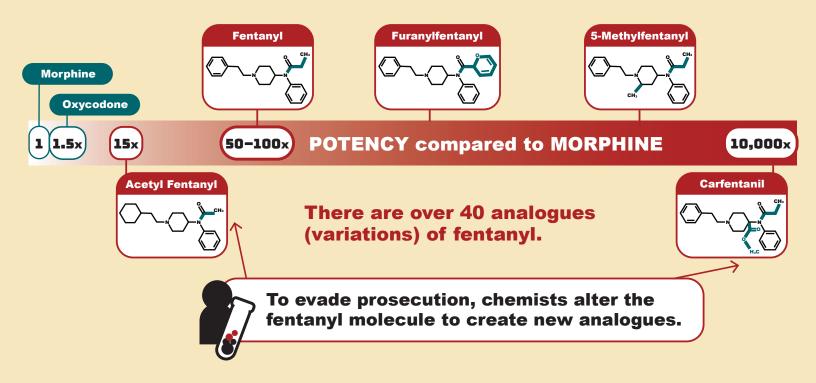
FENTANYL 101

#### An introduction to the fentanyl crisis in the U.S.

# What are fentanyl and fentanyl analogues?

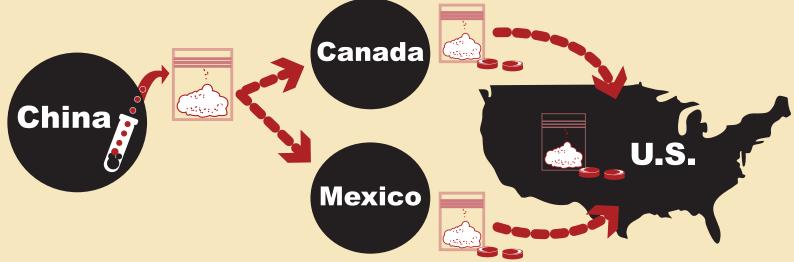
Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50–100 times more potent than morphine. Doctors prescribe fentanyl in medical settings, but drug traffickers manufacture black market fentanyl and sell it illegally.



Since 2015, counterfeit pills made with fentanyl or fentanyl analogues have killed people in all 50 states.

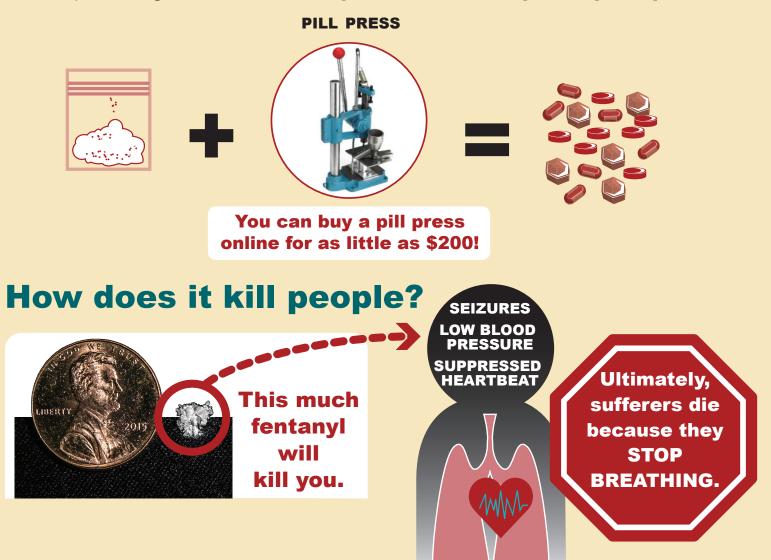
### How does fentanyl get to the U.S.?

Drug cartels take advantage of their existing smuggling routes to get fentanyl into the U.S.



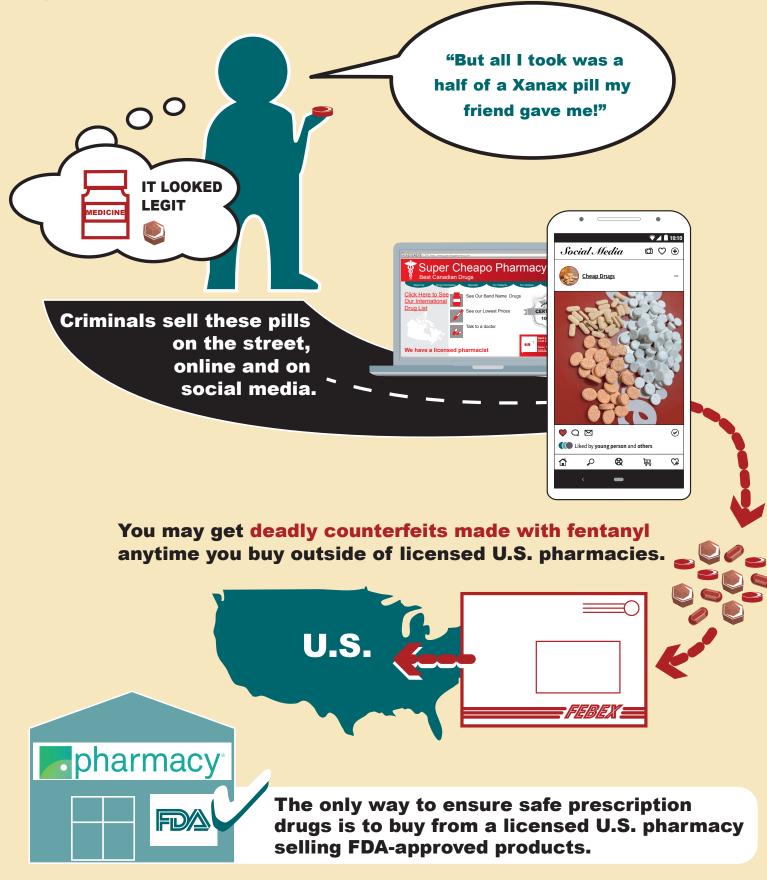
## How does it get into medicine?

Cartels have moved from lacing heroin with fentanyl to using Percocet, Xanax, and oxycodone molds to press counterfeit prescription pills.



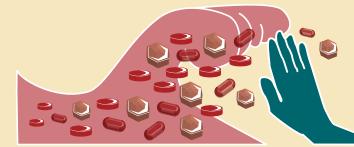
## **How does it threaten American patients?**

**People across the county are being poisoned and killed by millions of these fake pills.** 



#### 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."



Law enforcement and regulators will NOT be able to hold back the volume of dangerous drugs.



for organized crime to smuggle illicit drugs masked as legitimate prescription drugs,

like aspirin made from deadly fentanyl.

The closed drug supply chain =



the last and potentially most critical line of defense

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





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