

Nitazenes



What are Nitazenes?

- Nitazenes are a novel group of powerful illicit synthetic opioids.
- Nitazenes have been linked to overdose deaths in several states.
- Nitazenes have never been approved for use in the United States.

“Frankenstein opioids,” or nitazenes, are Schedule I drugs, increasingly mixed with fentanyl or heroin. Laboratory tests show that the potency of certain nitazenes exceeds that of fentanyl.

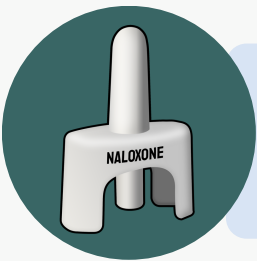


What are the effects of nitazenes?

- Feeling euphoric or in a ‘dreamlike’ state
- Sedation
- Temporary relief of pain, stress, or low mood
- Itchiness (in one area or across the whole body)
- Severe nausea and/or vomiting
- Severe sweating or fevers
- Blue lips or fingertips
- Cold and clammy skin
- Pinpoint (tiny) pupils

The signs of an opioid overdose include:

- The person’s face is extremely pale and/or feels clammy to the touch.
- Their body goes limp.
- Their fingernails or lips have a purple or blue color.
- They start vomiting or making gurgling noises.
- They cannot be awakened or are unable to speak.
- Their pupils become very small.
- Their breathing and/or heartbeat slows or stops.



High-potency opioids like nitazenes may require more than one dose of naloxone.

Call 911

