**Synthetic Opioids**

Non-naturally occurring substances with opiate or opiate-like properties are known as ‘synthetic’ opioids. A recent CDC report named Fentanyl and its analogs as a primary cause of the sharp rise in opiate-associated deaths. The articles below describe the scope of synthetic opioid use and misuse, as well as its societal effects.

- **Fentanyl Law Enforcement Submissions and Increases in Synthetic Opioid-Involved Overdose Deaths - 27 States, 2013-2014.** Gladden RM, Martinez P, Seth P.


- **Deaths Involving Fentanyl, Fentanyl Analogs, and U-47700 - 10 States, July-December 2016.** O'Donnell JK, Halpin J, Mattson CL, Goldberger BA, Gladden RM.

- **"Gray Death"-The Trojan Horse of the Opioid Epidemic: Historical, Clinical, and Safety Evidence for the Clinical Nurse Specialist.** O’Malley PA.

- **Syndrome surveillance of fentanyl-laced heroin outbreaks: Utilization of EMS, Medical Examiner and Poison Center databases.** Moore PQ, Weber J, Cina S, Aks S.

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