

!!!EMERGING DRUG WARNING!!!

Medetomidine In NYC's Drug Supply!



Medetomidine

Medetomidine is becoming increasingly common in the drug supply, so read below to learn more!

Medetomidine is a tranquilizer similar to xylazine, but significantly more potent- current testing is showing it to be 100x that of xylazine.

- Signs of Withdrawal - **May Require Medical Attention:** Fast heart rate (>100 beats per minute), dangerously high blood pressure (>180/100), uncontrollable nausea and vomiting, tremors, excessive sweating, and changing levels of alertness.
- Effects of Use: Heavy sedation, low blood pressure, slowed heart rate, dizziness, extreme tiredness, shortness of breath, nausea, blurred vision, and confusion.
- Dehydration & Increased Risk of Overdose: Using medetomidine causes more frequent urination and increases the risk of dehydration, in addition to overdose.

If using, hydrate often!

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Association With Opioid Use & Overdose Response

While medetomidine is not an opioid, it is almost always used with opioids. This means that it is possible that, after administering Narcan to someone who shows signs of opioid overdose, they may remain sedated and non-responsive, even if the overdose is successfully reversed.

To tell when an overdose has been reversed, **ensure the person takes at least one breath every 5 seconds and is not pale, gray, or blue.**

IF USING STREET DRUGS...



USE NARCAN & CALL
911 IF YOU OVERDOSE!



DON'T USE ALONE!



USE SLOWLY!



STAY WARM!

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USE TEST STRIPS AND DRUG CHECKING LABS!

Check drug supplies for nitazenes and medetomidine using nitazene and medetomidine drug testing strips, OR utilize a drug checking lab with OnPoint NYC, VOCAL-NY, Harlem United, BOOM!Health, or Housing Works (Cylar House).


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