

Long Term Use of Synthetics and Vaping

We are seeing more patients in the Emergency Room setting with brain injury, memory problems, anxiety, and paranoia even after being off of the drugs for months. Many people have told us that it is more addictive and harder to get off of than any other drug.

Some people are now taking long term medications for psychiatric problems or are requiring 24 hour care to help them with their normal everyday functions to live.

Synthetic opioids called Fentanyl are responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths each year in the US. Locally we are seeing a steady increase in accidental overdoses due to the powerful nature of these synthetic opioids.

How can I get help or find out more information?

Contact your medical provider to help you find a rehab or place to go for help with your addiction.

For possible exposure to fatal drugs like fentanyl or accidental overdose call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Center.

For a list of places in Lubbock that offers help with alcohol and drugs go to: <http://www.drugrehab.org/texas/lubbock-texas-alcohol-and-drug-rehab-centers/> or call 800-750-7892 or call 74-Nurse.

Who We Are

About Us

University Medical Center's **Nurses Educating on Illegal Drugs & Synthetics (NEIDS)** is an outreach group of registered nurses that believe synthetic drugs such as fentanyl, marijuana and other illegal drugs kill and harm too many of our fellow human beings. We are emergency nurses and nurse educators from Lubbock, Texas, whose mission is to provide education to the public on the health risks and hazards of the use of synthetic drugs and other harmful illegal substances. We accomplish this by utilizing public service announcements, focused educational offerings to school age children, point of care education, and working with local coalitions and agencies against the use of synthetic marijuana. We actively support new or revised legislation of local and state laws to halt the sale, distribution, and the manufacturing of these synthetic compounds and illegal drugs.

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*The Truth about
Synthetic Drugs*

Synthetic Compounds and Vaping

Synthetic marijuana is a deadly compound that comes from overseas or can be manufactured here in the US.

It is then packaged and can be sold in stores as incense or potpourri, but most commonly now in vape oils. These packages and bottles do not list ingredients or FDA approval.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid being brought in the US from China and Mexico. It is used to cut or “bulk up” drug supply for increase in profit. Being sold to teenagers and young adults as prescription pain medication.

Adults and teens alike are having serious problems after smoking or vaping these compounds. Medications given in the hospital setting or EMS setting are not effective at helping these patients and can sometimes make them worse. **PLEASE BE HONEST WITH YOUR MEDICAL TEAM SO THAT WE DO NOT CAUSE FURTHER HARM!**

Marketing for Synthetic Drugs

Synthetic Marijuana: sold as incense, hidden in vape oils, or laced with other drugs.

Fentanyl: laced with other harmful substances like heroin, methamphetamines, or cocaine.

Marked as prescription pain killers such as Oxycodone or Xanax and sold to unsuspecting victims.

Vaping

Vaping is the most widely used method to use synthetic drugs today. Most vape oils contain some form of synthetic drugs including synthetic marijuana and fentanyl. In many cases the user has no idea they are using such harmful substances.

Symptoms of synthetic use:

Synthetic Marijuana

- Difficulty focusing/Confusion
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Paranoia/Panic
- Seizure
- Violent behavior
- **DEATH**

Fentanyl

- Small, constricted “pinpoint pupils”
- Loss of consciousness
- Slow, weak, or lack of breathing
- Chocking or gurgling sounds
- Limp body
- Cold or clammy skin
- Blue tint to lips and nails
- **DEATH**

