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## 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.
- [Trends in Deaths Involving Heroin and Synthetic Opioids Excluding Methadone, and Law Enforcement Drug Product Reports, by Census Region - United States, 2006-2015](#). O'Donnell JK, Gladden RM, 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.
- [Misuse of Novel Synthetic Opioids: A Deadly New Trend](#). Prekupec MP, Mansky PA, Baumann MH.

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