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COMMUNITY NOTICE

METONITAZENE FOUND IN 'OXYCODONE' SAMPLES

CIRCULAR YELLOW UNMARKED PILLS

with no writing on them, expected to be counterfeit oxycodone but found to contain metonitazene.

WHAT IS METONITAZENE?

A strong synthetic opioid which is known to cause overdose.

There is little data on metonitazene in Australia. Globally, it has been associated with fatalities and can be as strong as or stronger than fentanyl.

EFFECTS

Metonitazene is known to cause an opioid-like overdose.

It is responsive to Naloxone. Know the signs of an opioid overdose.

Never use alone and keep Naloxone on hand.

Test your stuff!

Come and see us at CanTEST. CanTEST Health and Drug Checking Service is a free, confidential harm reduction service. CanTEST is located on the Ground Floor of the City Community Health Centre at 1 Moore Street in Canberra City.

CanTEST is open on Thursdays from 10am-1pm and Fridays from 6-9pm.

Know the signs.

You can overdose on opioids like metonitazene unexpectedly.

Tiny pupils, breathing slowly or not at all, discoloured lips/nails, cold or clammy skin, choking/coughing/gurgling or snoring sounds, dizziness & disorientation are all potential signs.

Suspect someone has overdosed?

Call 000 and wait with the person until paramedics arrive.

Use naloxone if you have some. It can reverse the overdose effects of opioids like metonitazene, fentanyl, heroin, oxy, morphine & methadone.

If you experience or witness someone experiencing a seizure, have chest pain, a racing heart or extreme ongoing anxiety - call 000 immediately

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