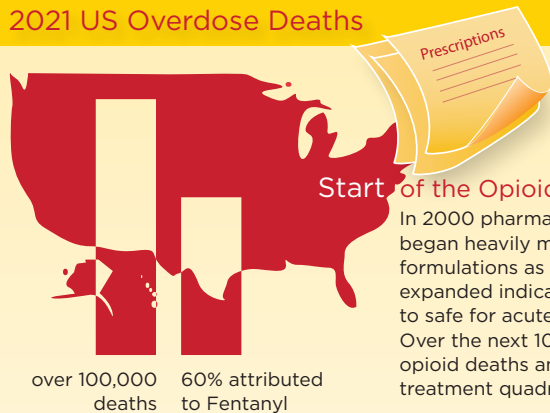


## Crisis in America Fake Pills and Fentanyl

### 2021 US Overdose Deaths



#### Start of the Opioid Epidemic

In 2000 pharmaceutical companies began heavily marketing new opioid formulations as safe and the FDA expanded indications from acute only to safe for acute and chronic pain. Over the next 10 years prescriptions, opioid deaths and people entering treatment quadrupled.

#### This Webinar will provide tools to:

- Identify the three phases of the current opioid epidemic
- Become aware of forms of fentanyl — fake pills; fentanyl powder; additives to cocaine, meth, ecstasy (MDMA) and heroin and their consequences
- Learn about emerging drug trends — Adderall laced with meth and synthetic nicotine vaping
- Institute effective countermeasures to prevent opioid morbidity and mortality

Fentanyl is now routinely found as an unexpected contaminant, increasingly present in “fake” pain and sedative pills and can be lethal at very low dosages. Overdose deaths in ages 10-19 are rising faster than in any other age group. Even though most drug use rates among adolescents have been trending downward over the past 10 years, emotional distress rates and suicides have been rising, making this a most vulnerable population.

**Join us** to become educated about current drug trends and how to provide effective self-care and stress control strategies to protect adults and the vulnerable 10-19 year old population.

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