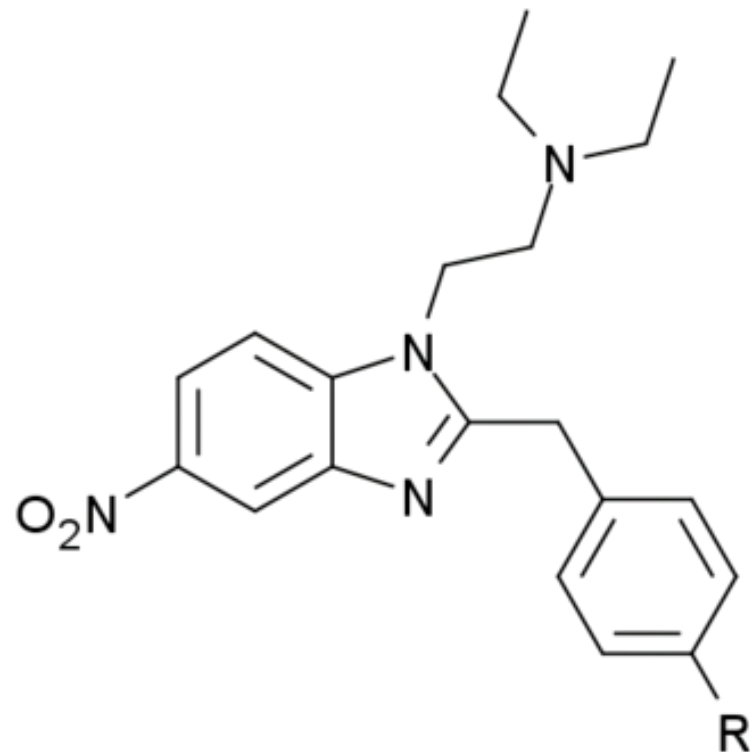
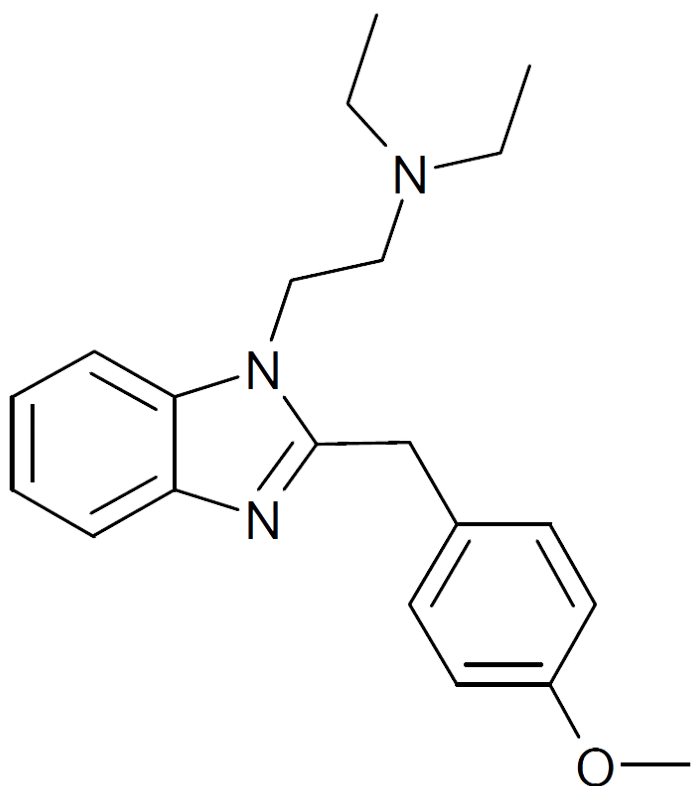


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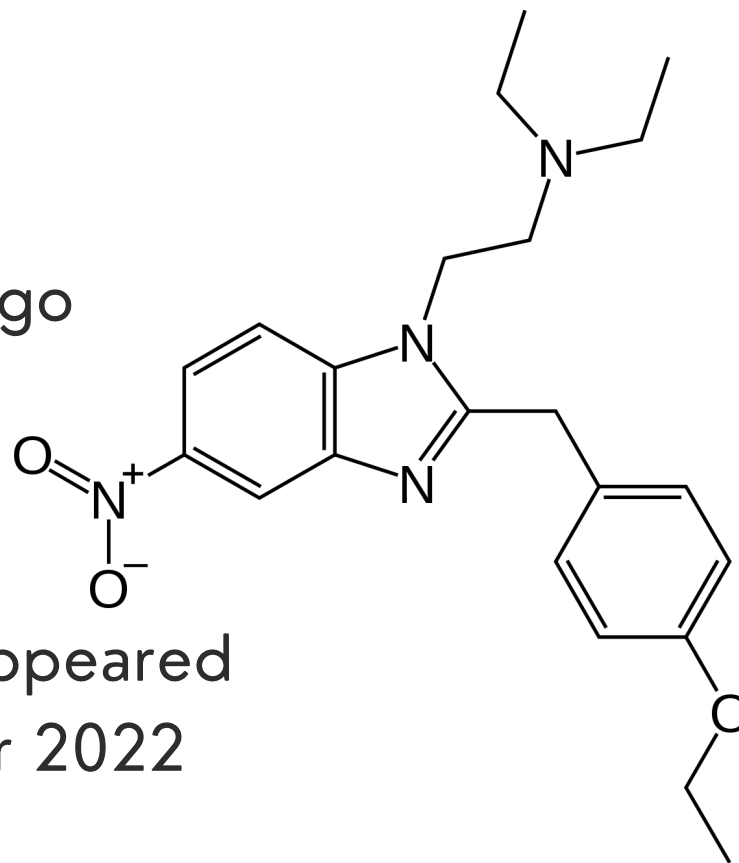


Nitazines



A class of synthetic opioids

- First synthesized over 60 years ago
- Not approved for use in humans
- First found in the US in 2019
- First confirmed in Philadelphia in December 2022 but may have appeared in the supply as early as October 2022
 - found in 'dope' samples
- Up to 40x stronger than fentanyl
- 100x stronger than morphine



How is this impacting people who use drugs?

Overdoses resulting from nitazines are more likely to require longer periods of rescue breathing before the individual begins breathing again on their own.

Tolerance individuals using nitazenes will have increased tolerance to opioids.

Withdrawal onset of withdrawal happens much more rapidly and is more severe.



Will naloxone work if
someone overdoses
on a nitazine?

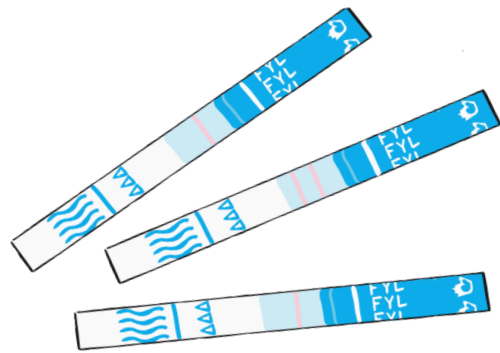
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Nitazenes are an opioid and naloxone is effective. Due to the strength of the drug it may take more doses (be sure to wait 2-3 minutes between doses) and longer rescue breathing



Can I use fentanyl testing strips to detect nitazines in my drugs?



No,

FTS will not detect nitazines in substances.



Do you have other harm reduction related questions?

Leave it in the comments or send a DM!



Sources:

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