



DRUG ALERT

Cranbrook

DOWN contains medetomidine and fluorofentanyl

Looks Like: Purple chunks and pebbles

Sold as: Down, Dope, Fentanyl

Contains: Fluorofentanyl (17%)
Fentanyl (4%)
Medetomidine (3%) 

Risk: High risk of overdose
Dizziness and confusion
Nausea, amnesia, sleepiness, nodding out for a long time
Smoking is not safer than injecting



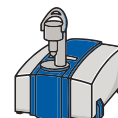
Medetomidine is a non-opioid tranquilizer with effects similar to xylazine. It is up to 200 times stronger than xylazine.

Medetomidine can lead to complicated and long lasting overdose symptoms. Medetomidine suppresses respiration and has potentially dangerous cardiovascular effects.

The combination of fluorofentanyl/fentanyl and medetomidine can lead to significant sedation. Overdose symptoms may last beyond administration of naloxone.



If you have a drug that looks like this, get it tested before using. Drug checking is available from 9 to 4 Mon-Fri (excluding holidays) at ANKORS in Cranbrook. Call or text 250-426-3383 for more information.



Consider these additional tips if you are going to use drugs

- Find more drug checking locations at www.drugchecking.ca
- Be aware of risks if mixing with other drugs, including alcohol 
- Use with others around or at an Overdose Prevention Site
- Start with a small amount and wait before taking more
- Space out your doses
- Carry naloxone and know how to use it
- Call 211 or visit bc211.ca to find services near you
- Get the LifeGuard App - lifeguardddh.com

Alert in effect until November 28th 2025

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