



DRUG ALERT

Cranbrook

DOWN contains high amounts of medetomidine and ethylflualprazolam
Multiple overdoses reported

Looks Like: Red chunks

Sold as: Down, Dope, Tranq, Fentanyl

Contains: Medetomidine (high amount) ⚠️
Ethylflualprazolam (high amount) ⚠️
Fentanyl and/or Fentanyl analogue

Risk: High risk of overdose
Dizziness, nausea, amnesia and confusion
Sleepiness, heavy sedation, nodding out for a long time



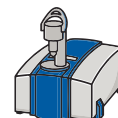
Medetomidine is a very strong non-opioid tranquilizer—much stronger than xylazine (200x). It can slow both breathing and heart rate, making overdoses more complex and prolonged. Medetomidine can also have serious effects on the heart.

Ethylflualprazolam is a new benzodiazepine that is highly potent. It is believed to be of short to medium duration. High doses can lead to longer periods of immobility and amnesia.

The combination of **medetomidine**, **ethylflualprazolam** and **fentanyl analogues** 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
- 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
- Contact Local Substance Use Services at 310-MHSU

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