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Abuse of fentanyl: an emerging problem to face

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Highlights

- Fentanyl-related morbidity and mortality has alarmingly increased in recent years.
- Most fentanyl abuse involves illicitly produced drug mixed up with heroin.
- The drug can be also obtained by the diversion of fentanyl-containing medicines.
- Fentanyl overdose rescue is based on a rapid administration of naloxone.

ABSTRACT

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid used as a narcotic analgesic supplement in general and regional anesthesia as well as in management of persistent, severe chronic pain. Alarming epidemiological and forensic medicine reports, accumulated

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