

Renaissance Recovery Blog

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In this blog, you will learn:

Opioid drugs are derived from a natural substance extracted from seed pods of opium poppy plants mostly grown in Mexico, Colombia, and southern Asia. The drugs work by binding to the brain's opioid receptors. They're formulated to reduce pain, and they cause a relaxed sensation for the user. Strong opioids cause a feeling of euphoria. Fentanyl and heroin are among the most potent opioids, and their misuse often leads to the need for addiction treatment in Arizona.

These two fast-acting drugs are both extremely potent, which causes them to be highly addictive. Heroin and fentanyl are also so dangerous that consuming either one can cause extreme side effects or fatality.

Beyond all their similar serious properties, the differences between heroin and fentanyl are significant. Here are the key details about the two drugs, the differences between them, and some common signs of the need for heroin or fentanyl addiction treatment:

Heroin Use and Signs of Addiction

Heroin is derived from the opioid morphine. Heroin rapidly binds to opioid receptors of cells, especially to those responsible for sensations of pleasure and pain and for control of sleep, breathing, and heart rate. Heroin is developed into a brown or white powder for injecting, snorting, or smoking. Over the past five years since 2016, heroin overdose deaths have trended slightly downward, to a reported 14,019 deaths in 2019.

Heroin sale is illegal in the United States. Here are some key details about the nature of heroin, addiction, and treatment for heroin addiction:

<i>Drug Type:</i>	Synthetic opioid morphine derivative drug
<i>Method of Use:</i>	Inject, snort, or smoke
<i>Effects:</i>	A brief, intense sense of euphoria
<i>Health Risks:</i>	Can cause respiratory distress, fatality
<i>Potency:</i>	Highly addictive
<i>Treatment:</i>	Medically assisted detox required

Fentanyl Use and Signs of Addiction

The rise of fentanyl abuse started in the mid-1970s, and it has *accelerated* over recent years. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid, which means it is synthesized in a laboratory to serve the same purposes as natural opioids. Fentanyl shares many properties in common with heroin. The major *difference* between the two powerful drugs is that fentanyl is about 50 times more potent than heroin or morphine, as reported by [Harvard Medical School](#).

Consequently, the danger of health damage or fatality from fentanyl is much more extreme than from heroin. Fentanyl abuse results in thousands of deaths every year. For example, there were 36,359 fentanyl overdose deaths in 2019 alone.

Fentanyl is used in medical treatment in the United States, prescribed by doctors for pain relief. Fentanyl costs less to purchase than heroin. Key information about fentanyl and its use and treatment include:

<i>Drug Type:</i>	Synthetic opioid
<i>Method of Use:</i>	Pill, tablet, lozenge, or patch
<i>Effects:</i>	Pain relief, brief, intense sense of euphoria
<i>Health Risks:</i>	A lethal dose is less quantity than heroin
<i>Potency:</i>	As strongly addictive as heroin
<i>Treatment:</i>	Medically assisted detox is necessary

Overcoming Heroin or Fentanyl Addiction

When you've resolved to stop using fentanyl or heroin, medically assisted detoxification and rehab will be necessary to help you get through the process as safely and comfortably as possible. You may experience intense cravings for some days as well as other opioid withdrawal symptoms, such as:

- Nausea
- Hallucination
- Vomiting
- Accelerated heart rate
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Appetite loss
- Insomnia

Because both fentanyl and heroin can impact the body in the above ways in cases of addiction, the detox and rehabilitation treatment for both kinds of addiction is similar. The best heroin and fentanyl addiction rehab program in Arizona uses a holistic and evidence-based approach to opioid addiction treatment. A top addiction treatment program includes opportunities for developing stress management skills, behavioral therapy, skill-building, and family therapy, among a number of other therapies.

Opioid Addiction Treatment

If you are suffering from heroin or fentanyl addiction, you *can* have a different life. Just call for the medically managed detox, therapeutic treatment, and lasting support you need to free yourself from the grip of an overwhelming opioid.

Professional opioid addiction treatment specialists provide comprehensive care for you every step of the way through drug detox, rehab therapy, and long-term relapse prevention. Quality opioid addiction treatment also helps the families of people who have been struggling, too, as their loved one has been battling addiction.

Renaissance Recovery Center, Gilbert, Arizona

Renaissance Recovery Center is an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center for outpatient treatment in Arizona. Our therapeutic one-on-one addiction treatment can help you become self-empowered and free from the pain, isolation, and paralyzing sense of shame that so many people who are fighting addiction experience. Your individualized program will enable you to move beyond substance abuse to a meaningful life and permanently put fentanyl or heroin addiction behind you.

Renaissance offers affordable opioid addiction treatment. We can accept most health insurance, and we can confirm for you that your coverage includes the treatment program.

Call Renaissance Recovery Center, Gilbert, AZ at (480) 725-8215, or use our online contact form to schedule a free assessment and to start a happier life leaving heroin or fentanyl abuse in the past.
