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## The Synthetic Opioid Fueling America's Opioid Crisis

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The United States is currently experiencing a pandemic of fentanyl overdoses. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50-100 times more potent than morphine, and even a small amount can be lethal. The widespread availability of fentanyl has resulted in a sharp increase in overdose deaths, making it a national public health crisis. However, there is hope. Intensive outpatient treatment (IOP) provided by Arise Recovery Centers in the Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston communities can provide individuals with the necessary tools to overcome addiction and help avoid accidental fentanyl overdose.

Fentanyl overdoses have become a public health crisis in the United States, with over 93,000 overdose deaths in 2020 alone. This number has continued to increase due to the increased availability of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids. The illicit production of fentanyl has made it easy for drug dealers to lace other drugs, such as heroin, with fentanyl, resulting in accidental overdoses. Fentanyl overdoses can be deadly, and it is crucial to seek treatment immediately.

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