WHAT ARE OPIOIDS?

All are chemically related and all interact with opioid receptors on nerve cells in the brain and body. Some are derived from the poppy plant and some are synthetic.

Opioids
- Codeine
- Oxycodone
- Morphine
- Oxymorphone
- Hydromorphone
- Meperidine
- Tramadol
- Hydrocodone
- Fentanyl
- Methadone*
- Heroin
- Buprenorphine*
- Oxycodone

Deaths caused by fentanyl increased 25%. Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine.

Deaths caused by fentanyl analogs increased 65%. Carfentanil, one of the many fentanyl analogs, is estimated to be 10,000 times more potent than morphine.

Deaths caused by fentanyl increased 25%. Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine.

Deaths caused by fentanyl analogs increased 65%. Carfentanil, one of the many fentanyl analogs, is estimated to be 10,000 times more potent than morphine.

A 2019 consensus study by the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine concludes that "opiod use disorder is a treatable chronic brain disease resulting from the changes in neural structure and function that are caused over time by repeated opioid use."

*The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved three medications to treat opioid use disorder. According to the National Academy study, the medications are effective and "are intended to normalize brain structure and function." Two of these medications, methadone and buprenorphine, are opioids.