

# Drug Advisory



## Issued for Northern Health Region

### For Immediate Release

March 27, 2025

Northern Health has issued a drug advisory for the Northern Health region. A round white pill sold as “Oxycocet” has tested positive for isotonitazene.

Isotonitazene or "Nitazene" is a synthetic opioid that is equal or more toxic than fentanyl and is **not detected on fentanyl test strips**.

### For your safety

- Nitazene will respond to naloxone. Get training to prevent, recognize, and respond to an overdose; carry naloxone.
- Don't use alone. Make a plan and tell someone you trust who can call for help if needed.
- If you plan to use alone, use the Lifeguard or BeSafe app available free on the app store or on Toward the Heart website (<https://towardtheheart.com>).
- Know your tolerance. If you are sick or had a time of abstinence or reduced use, use much less.
- Don't mix drugs or mix drugs with alcohol.
- Test a small amount first and go slow.
- Use in an OPS if possible.
- Call 911 or your local emergency number right away if someone overdoses.

### Local overdose prevention sites (OPS)

For information on your local OPS hours please see the Northern Health OPS website: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/overdose-prevention#overdose-prevention-services-ops>



**Alert Expires**

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