Xylazine

**What is Xylazine?**
Xylazine is a veterinary anesthetic that’s often used as a cut in street drugs. It’s sometimes called tranq, tranq dope or sleep cut and people usually use xylazine unknowingly when their drugs are cut with it.

**Uses**
For humans there isn’t a prescribed use because it’s intended for use in animals.

**Effects**
Sedation, analgesia (pain killing like ibuprofen or advil but not opioids) and muscle relaxation. Strong sedative effects and excessive sleepiness without euphoria have been anecdotally reported to happen anywhere from 5 to 200mg.

**Side Effects**
Xylazine isn’t intended for human use and long term use can cause skin lesions or ulcers. In high doses, respiratory depression, passing out or falling unconscious while still standing is common. Deaths are rare but have occured in humans using anywhere from 40 to 2400mg of xylazine.

**Dose**
There isn’t an established human dose for xylazine use. For harm reduction purposes, use as little as possible if you think your drug contains xylazine. It’s recommended to start as low as possible and go slow if using xylazine.

**Routes of Administration**
Not much is known about the human use of xylazine but there have been reports of people eating, snorting, IVing, IMing, and using xylazine subcutaneously (injection in the skin or skin-popping).

**Withdrawal**
Withdrawal symptoms have been reported to be mild but because of the lack of human information about xylazine your results may vary.

**Withdrawal Management**
Research suggests that if withdrawal symptoms are present, low dose clonidine can be used to manage withdrawal symptoms.

**Overdose Prevention**
Treat xylazine like you would any other drug that can cause respiratory depression such as opioids, benzos or alcohol. If combining with other drugs, keep the doses low especially if they are other depressant drugs. There isn’t an overdose reversal drug for xylazine so it’s recommended to not to use alone and practice harm reduction if you decide to use xylazine.

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