



## Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of Xylazine

**What was found?** A Subreddit discussion trend for xylazine, a sedative used in veterinary anesthesia, is reaching record highs. The last peak close to this size was in mid-2022.

**How is it being discussed?** Recent discussions of xylazine on Reddit primarily involve warnings of the drug as a common cutting agent in illicit fentanyl. The recent increase in online discussions of xylazine may also be due in part to increased media attention on its presence in the drug supply and its associated adverse effects.

**Drug Terms:** Xylazine, fentanyl.