



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

**What was found?** Subreddit discussion for the drug Tapentadol has gained prevalence in recent years. Total mention counts for the drug in 2022 are twice as high as pre-2020 levels.

**To what does Tapentadol refer?** Tapentadol is a prescription opioid drug with the common brand name Nucynta.

**How is it being discussed?** Tapentadol has been discussed for years on Reddit as a substance that is both prescribed and used recreationally. Discussion of Tapentadol in drug Subreddits overlaps with discussion in mental health and pain management Subreddits.

**Drug Terms:** Tapentadol, Nucynta.