



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

**What was found?** A second wave of discussion for the novel substance etomethazene has grown on Reddit in July/August 2022.

**To what does Etomethazene refer?** Etomethazene is a novel opioid substance discussed on Reddit and listed for purchase online. It is a derivative of benzimidazole opioid nitazenes (etonitazene, metonitazene, etc.) previously mentioned on Reddit.

**How is it being discussed?** Commenters refer to etomethazene as a "zene" drug. While rumors of etomethazene's potency vary, commenters claim the drug is moderately more potent than fentanyl.

**Drug Terms:** Etomethazene, "zenes", nitazenes.