



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

What was found? A subreddit discussion trend for the drug xylazine peaked in Summer 2022.

To what does MDPHP refer? Xylazine is a sedative drug used in veterinary anesthesia.

How is it being discussed? Recent discussion of xylazine on Reddit is focused on the drug's use as a cutting agent in fentanyl. The increase in mentions in Summer 2022 can be partially attributed to discussion of media reporting, discussion of first-hand experiences with xylazine and its toxic effects, and efforts by commenters to determine whether fentanyl has been cut with the drug.

Drug Terms: Xylazine, fentanyl.