



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

What was found? Various nitazenes were the four most highly identified opioids in the [Q4 2023 CFSRE NPS Opioid Trend Report](#). Nitazene discussion on Reddit for the past two months has been higher than any other point in the past three years.

What is Nitazenes? Nitazenes, also known as benzimidazole opioids, are a class of synthetic opioids. Nitazenes generally have effects similar to other opioids including euphoria and analgesia.

How is it being discussed? Discussion primarily revolves around the proper dosage, and potential health issues. Many comments and posts are from Reddit users who have not tried any nitazenes but are interested in them. Perception is mostly negative. Commenters warn against long-term health risks, and potential for respiratory depression, addiction, and overdose. Positive discussion comes primarily from users recommending it as a less harmful substitute for fentanyl.

Drug Terms Searched: Protonitazene, metonitazene, N-pyrrolidino, N-desethyl isontonitazene, N-desethyl protonitazene, N-pyrrolidino metonitazene, N-desethyl etonitazene, N-desethyl metonitazene