



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

**What was found?** Etomidate discussion has had a consistent upward trend since the beginning of December 2023.

**What is Etomidate?** Etomidate is a short-acting intravenous anesthetic drug marketed under the brand name Amidate. It has been used as a component in lethal injection protocols.

**How is it being discussed?** Online commenters generally do not recommend etomidate for recreational use due to its very short duration of effects. Discussants warn that using etomidate while ill could be dangerous due to its adrenal suppression effects. A small number of Reddit users reported presence of etomidate as an adulterant in heroin supplies. Commenters compared Etomidate effects to methaqualone, benzodiazepines, or barbiturates.

**Drug Terms Searched:** Etomidate, Amidate