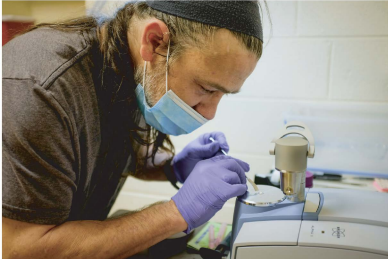


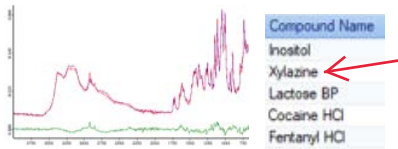
XYLAZINE

XYLAZINE, A VETERINARY TRANQUILIZER, IS SHOWING UP IN HEROIN AND FENTANYL.



To keep our people safe, we got a machine that tells us what's in drug samples.

When people came to us with really bad symptoms, we used our drug checking machine and identified a substance called **xylazine**.



This substance has been showing up in the drug supply in other places, too. **In Philly, 1 out of every 3 people who fatally overdosed in 2020 had xylazine in their system.**

WHAT WE KNOW

Xylazine can be very dangerous. If you think you have been using this drug, seeking medical attention can make the difference between life and death.

- Xylazine causes central nervous system depression. You may experience a low blood pressure, slowed breathing, and a slowed heart rate.

→ **Tip: Go slow. Use with a friend if you can.**



- Xylazine can cause painful skin ulcers.

→ **Tip: Keep wounds clean. Ask us for help if you're worried.**



- Naloxone works on opioids. It may work on xylazine, but the evidence is unclear.

→ **Tip: Always use naloxone in the event of an overdose.**



- Xylazine may make people out of breath and feel really tired.

→ **Tip: Come talk to us if you are experiencing either of these symptoms.**



Please contact North Carolina Survivors Union if you believe you have drugs that are poisoned with xylazine. We will test them for you.

Call Don at (366)669-5543 or come to 1116 Grove Street in Greensboro, NC.