Fentanyl Analogues in the Drug Supply

WHAT DID WE DO?

We looked at fentanyl analogues in the drug supply using samples collected at drug checking services in Vancouver and Surrey between May 2018 and July 2021.

WHAT WE USED:

FENTANYL AND BENZO TEST STRIPS

FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)

LAB CONFIRMATORY TESTING
Why Does This Matter?

Some fentanyl analogues, like carfentanil, are extremely potent and can increase the risk of overdose. Limitations of drug checking technologies must be communicated to service users who use community drug checking.