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Adult Consent to Participate in a Research Study

Title of research study: Brief survey for recipients of Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips

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Key Information: The following is a short summary of this study to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this study. More detailed information is listed later on in this form.

Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?

You are being invited to take part in a research study because you can help us understand how Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips are being used and how we can make improvements to the system.

What should I know about a research study?

- Someone will explain this research study to you.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

Fentanyl is 30-50 times more potent than heroin and can be deadly. Xylazine is a veterinary tranquilizer that is added to drugs such as heroin and Fentanyl to increase potency and extend the duration of effects. It causes sores and is linked to overdose deaths. Testing substances for Fentanyl and Xylazine may help avoid overdoses and reduce harm. Our goal is to promote public health, including among those who use substances.

How long will the research last and what will I need to do?

We expect that this survey will take about 5 minutes to complete. You will be asked what test strips you use, what substances you use, what substances you test, results of tests, what you do if a substance tests positive for Fentanyl or Xylazine, if you have ever overdosed, and if you have ever received Narcan. Basic demographic information is collected at the end of the survey. You will not be asked any information that could be used to identify who you are. We recommend that you take the survey somewhere private, as you may not want other people knowing your answers to these questions. At the end of the survey, we will ask if you would like to share your

contact information to see the results of the survey and be contacted for future projects, which may include surveys and focus groups. You do not need to provide your contact details to participate in the survey. Your contact information will be stored in a separate file and will not be shared with anyone else or linked to your survey answers.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?

This survey is anonymous, we will not ask who you are or ask for any information that could be used to identify you. We do not anticipate any risks from your participation in this study.

Will being in this study help me in any way?

There are no benefits to you from your taking part in this research, as we will not know who you are. However, possible benefits include the continued availability of free test strips and improvements to the test strip system.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research?

Participation in research is completely voluntary. You may choose not to enroll in this study. Your alternative to participating in this research study is to not participate.

Detailed Information: The following is more detailed information about this study in addition to the information listed above.

Who can I talk to?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the research team at djkruger@buffalo.edu, (716) 645-9700. You may also contact the research participant advocate at 716-888-4845 or researchadvocate@buffalo.edu.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board ("IRB"). An IRB is a committee that provides ethical and regulatory oversight of research that involves human subjects. You may talk to them at (716) 888-4888 or email ub-irb@buffalo.edu if:

- You have questions about your rights as a participant in this research
- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

How many people will be studied?

We expect about 1000 people will complete the survey.

What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?

You can click on the button below to access the online survey. The survey will ask what test strips you use, what substances you use, what substances you test, results of tests, what you do if a substance tests positive for Fentanyl or Xylazine, if you have ever overdosed, and if you have ever received Narcan. Basic demographic information is collected at the end of the survey. You will not be asked any information that could be used to identify who you are. It will take about five minutes to complete.

What happens if I say yes, but I change my mind later?

You can leave the research at any time it will not be held against you. We will delete any information from incomplete surveys.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me? (Detailed Risks)

There are no known risks associated with these procedures.

What happens to the information collected for the research?

We cannot promise complete secrecy. Organizations that may inspect and copy information include the IRB and other representatives of the University at Buffalo. Your data will be retained after the study for future research and in case there are questions about the results of the study. All survey information will be stored on a password protected University at Buffalo computer in a private locked office in a University at Buffalo building with on-site security. Your contact information will be stored in a separate file and will not be shared with anyone else or linked to your survey answers.

Can I be removed from the research without my OK?

We will delete any surveys that are only partially completed.