



TRANQ IN THE SUPPLY

What's goin' on?

Xylazine or Tranq is a potent drug additive that has been seen all over the East Coast. While you may not be able to check your supply for it on the go, you can take some steps to reduce harm.

IV Injecting

- Clean injection site with alcohol pad first, try to avoid injecting in wounds or limbs with wounds
- Remember your tourniquet! and inject towards the heart
- After drawing up into needle, wipe down needle with alcohol pad so tranq is not on the outside of the needle
- Once injected, leave in while counting to 3 to allow for blood flow away from insertion site

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Tranq may...

- kick in within 30 min. + last for a few days
- cause respiratory depression, but cannot be reversed with naloxone
- initially rapidly increase your heart rate and blood pressure, then decrease both
- may cause small, ulcer type wounds to pop up in unexpected places

WOUNDS

*Change wraps or bandages **daily** if possible*

- 1) Use saline, wound spray, or antibacterial soap and water to clean. Hibiclens is ok on intact and less deep wounds.
- 2) Add antibiotic ointment to affected areas but try to avoid putting on intact or healthy skin
- 3) Place non-adherent pad or ointment gauze (yellow or petroleum gauze) over the affected areas, again trying to avoid putting on healthy skin!
- 4) Use ABD pad if it is draining a lot then wrap with gauze roll, Ace wrap or Coflex (brown wrap)