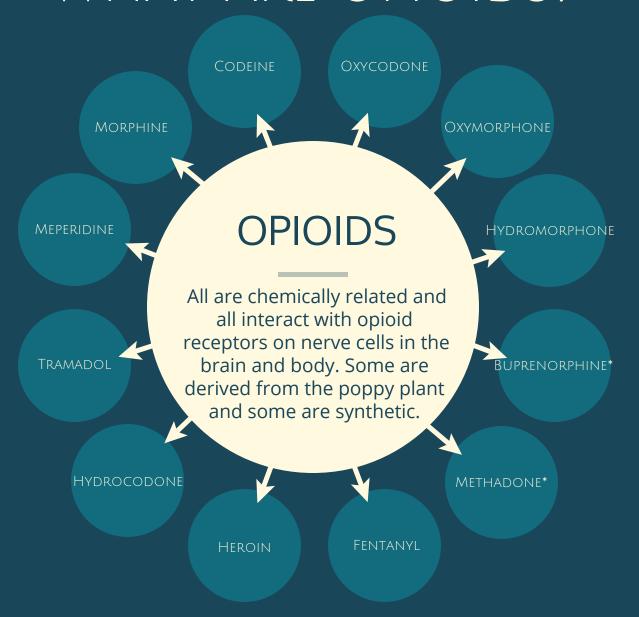
WHAT ARE OPIOIDS?



Opioid Deaths in Florida

Change from 2016 to 2017

Opioid-caused deaths in Florida increased by 9%.

Deaths caused by fentanyl increased 25%. Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine.

Deaths caused by fentanyl analogs increased 65%. Carfentanil, one of the many fentanyl analogs, is estimated to be 10,000 times more potent than morphine.

Opioid Use Disorder Treatment

A 2019 consensus study by the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, concludes that "opioid use disorder is a treatable chronic brain disease resulting from the changes in neural structure and function that are caused over time by repeated opioid use."

*The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved three medications to treat opioid use disorder. According to the National Academy study, the medications are effective and "are intended to normalize brain structure and function." Two of these medications, methadone and buprenorphine, are opioids.