

Have you heard of **medetomidine**?

What is it?

Medetomidine, or “rhino tranq,” is a veterinary sedative that is stronger than xylazine.

Where is it?

Medetomidine has been found regularly in dope samples tested in NYC.

What does it do?

Medetomidine can cause deep sleep or sleepiness for a long time, low blood pressure, and shaking.

What do you need to know?

Medetomidine withdrawal can start quickly and be very serious. Sometimes people need to go to the hospital.

Medetomidine Withdrawal and When to Go to the Hospital

Medetomidine withdrawal can cause:

- A very fast heartbeat
- Very high blood pressure
- Going in and out of responding or being aware, even while awake
- Heavy sweating
- Shaking or twitching
- Anxiety and restlessness

Signs to go to the hospital:

- Can't stop throwing up
- Have chest pain
- Going in and out of responding or being aware, even while awake
- Otherwise experiencing more severe withdrawal symptoms than usual

For more information and harm reduction resources, visit nyc.gov/alcoholanddrugs.



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