

# “Fentanyl is already in society, under doctor-dependent care”

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The growing epidemic of Fentanyl abuse in the USA raises concerns in Europe and Italy

The abuse of Fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, has reached epidemic levels in the [United States](#), causing a significant number of cases and deaths. According to Massimo Barra, founder of Villa Maraini-Italian Red Cross in Rome, this trend is alarming because what happens in the US often spreads to Europe and Italy. Barra explains that Fentanyl is much stronger than heroin and can have devastating effects on individuals who abuse it.

Barra also notes that Fentanyl is not just a problem for drug addicts, as it can be easily purchased online and used for recreational purposes. He emphasizes the importance of treating individuals who abuse Fentanyl and warns against bureaucratic paralysis that can hinder efforts to address the issue.

The Villa Maraini Foundation, a leading center for drug addiction treatment in Italy, collaborates with similar organizations in the US to address the growing crisis. President Biden has recently addressed the Fentanyl epidemic in the US, prompting a global effort to combat the spread of this dangerous substance.

Barra praises the Italian government’s plan to use naxolone as a key tool in combating Fentanyl abuse. Naxolone, an antidote to narcotics, can reverse the effects of Fentanyl overdose and protect law enforcement officials who may come into contact with the drug.

As the threat of Fentanyl abuse looms large, it is crucial for governments and healthcare providers to work together to address this epidemic before it crosses international borders.