



## BC ECHO on SUBSTANCE USE



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### Monthly Newsletter: August 2021

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In this issue of the BC ECHO on Substance Use newsletter, you'll find resources, news updates, and feature articles related to substance use care in BC, Yukon and across Canada.

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### Urine Drug Testing Breakout Resource



## Urine Drug Testing in Patients Prescribed Opioid Agonist Treatment

This document reviews current evidence for urine drug testing (UDT), provides an overview of UDT in the primary care management of patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) who are on opioid agonist treatment (OAT) and offers guidance and general practices for ordering, collecting, and interpreting UDT.

- [Summary: Urine Drug Testing in Patients Prescribed Opioid Agonist Treatment](#)
  - [Full Resource: Urine Drug Testing in Patients Prescribed Opioid Agonist Treatment](#)
  - [Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program \(POATSP\) modules on UDT](#)
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### Understanding the experiences of illicit drinkers – An interview with Brittany Graham



Brittany Graham (middle right) is the Program Coordinator for the Eastside Illicit Drinkers Group for Education (EIDGE) and Acting Executive Director at the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU). She is also a member of the BC ECHO on Substance Use hub team. In this Interview, she discusses illicit drinking and harm reduction for alcohol use.

- [Understanding the experiences of illicit drinkers \(additional resources included\)](#)

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## **BC ECHO on Substance Use programming**

**Reminder: BC ECHO on Substance Use sessions are now on our YouTube channel.**

- [Watch here](#)

**Join us for more sessions this fall!**

BC ECHO on Substance Use programming is paused for the summer and our regularly scheduled Opioid Use Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder ECHO sessions will return this fall.

- For new session dates and topics, stay tuned through these newsletters, or by visiting <https://bcechoonsubstanceuse.ca/#upcoming-sessions>.
- Do you have a colleague interested in joining the community of practice? New members can register using the link above.

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## **Additional resources for substance use care**

**Substance Use in the Workplace, a toolkit supporting employers and employees in the trades**

This collection of resources contains links from more than 30 organizations and can be used by employers and employees to help reduce the harms of substance use for those working in construction and the trades. The toolkit was produced by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction and Health Canada.

- [Substance Use and the Workplace: Supporting employers and employees in the trades \[toolkit\]](#)

### **BC Drug Checking Report**

The BCCSU Drug Checking Project is a provincial pilot that partners with harm reduction organizations across BC to implement and evaluate community-based drug checking services. This report highlights latest data from partners across BC.

- [BC Drug Checking Report \[July\]](#)
- More information available at <https://drugcheckingbc.ca>

### **24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line**

This support line provides telephone consultation to physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, midwives, and pharmacists involved in addiction and substance use care in British Columbia. Specialists with expertise in addiction medicine (including emergency, acute, and community care) are available to support screening, assessment, treatment and management of substance use and substance use disorder(s).

- [Find out more](#) or call the support line at 778 945 7619

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## **News from BC and Yukon**

- News (from Government of Yukon): [Location of supervised consumption site confirmed](#)
- News (from Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions): [Creating partnerships to address mental health, substance use challenges](#)
- News (from Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions): [New, existing local teams receive added support to respond to overdose crisis](#)
- Photovoice Project (from Interior Health Authority): [Stigma and Substance Use](#)
- News (from CBC): [B.C. non-profit challenges Health Canada to end 50-year prohibition on magic mushrooms](#)

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## **News from across Canada**

- News (from Health Canada): [Health Canada launches national call for proposals for the Substance Use and Addictions Program](#)
- News (from CBC): [How a new drug-checking kit could turn smartphones into overdose prevention tools](#)

- Report (from Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction): [Cannabis Research in Times of Legalization: What's on the Agenda?](#)
  - News (from CBC): [Calgary MP asks health minister to study poppers, potentially opening door for safe supply](#)
  - News (from CBC): [Toronto reports highest ever daily opioid overdose count during August long weekend](#)
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*The BC ECHO on Substance Use aims to build confidence and skills among primary care providers and their teams in British Columbia and Yukon. By bringing clinicians with addictions expertise and primary care providers together in a substance use community of practice, we hope to improve the implementation of evidence-based care in our communities.*

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