



BC ECHO on SUBSTANCE USE

Monthly Newsletter: September 2021

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.

Applications open: clinical and research fellowships



INTERDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL ADDICTION FELLOWSHIP

MEDICINE • NURSING • NURSE PRACTITIONER • PHARMACY • SOCIAL WORK

Accepting applications for 2022 beginning September 1. Details at: bit.ly/Fellowships2022

The BCCSU is now accepting applications for the International Collaborative Addiction Medicine Research Fellowship and the Interdisciplinary Clinical Addiction Fellowships. Clinical fellowship streams include medicine, nurse practitioner, nursing, social work, and pharmacy. Application deadlines vary by discipline – please visit the fellowship website for more information.

- [More information: addiction medicine clinical and research fellowships](#)
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Sublocade clinical bulletin

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This bulletin provides information for prescribers and pharmacists on Sublocade (extended-release buprenorphine), including how to prescribe, order, and dispense; instructions for submitting a Special Authority request for to PharmaCare; and available education and training.

- [Sublocade \(extended-release buprenorphine\) information](#)

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 currently paused and our regularly scheduled Opioid Use Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder ECHO sessions will return later 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 for the program anytime using the link above.

We want your cases!

During the ECHO sessions, case presenters from diverse clinical backgrounds (e.g., family practice, nursing, pharmacy) have an *opportunity to receive guidance and recommendations on patient cases in their practice from addiction experts*. Presenting a case includes submitting a brief written case summary and joining an ECHO session to give a 5-minute de-identified overview of the case and questions for clinical consultation.

To submit a de-identified patient case for a future ECHO session, providers are asked to fill out the [case presentation form](#), or submit a brief paragraph to BCECHOonsubstanceuse@bccsu.ubc.ca.

Additional resources for substance use care

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

News from BC and Yukon

- News (from BC Coroners Service): [More than 1,000 British Columbians lost to toxic illicit drugs in first half of 2021](#)
- News (from Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions): [Minister's statement on International Overdose Awareness Day, lives lost](#)
- News (from Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions): [Website connects people to vital mental health, substance use supports](#)
- News (from CBC): [Lawsuit filed in B.C. court argues criminalization of drugs is a charter violation](#)
- News (from CBC): [B.C. First Nations leaders call for more Indigenous-specific drug treatment programs amid overdose crisis](#)
- News (from CBC): [Opioids have killed 14 Yukoners so far this year, coroner says](#)
- News (from Island Health): [Changing the conversation: pilot projects focus on improving emergency care for people who use opioids](#)

News from across Canada

- News (from CBC): [Alberta government sued over new rules for supervised injection sites for drug use](#)
- News (from CBC): [Hundreds of broken hearts drawn in chalk on Calgary streets to remember drug overdose victims](#)
- News (from CBC): [Why needle hunters, who comb the street for dangerous garbage, say they love their work](#)
- News (from CBC): [Hamilton shelter workers create group to save young people from opioid addiction](#)

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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