



BC ECHO on SUBSTANCE USE

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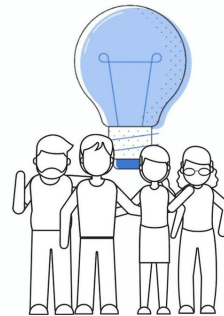
In this issue of the BC ECHO on Substance Use newsletter, you'll find resources, news updates, and feature articles related to substance use care in BC, Yukon and across Canada.

Save the date: BC Substance Use Conference, May 15-17, 2022



4TH ANNUAL BC SUBSTANCE USE CONFERENCE

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**ALL TOGETHER:
ADVANCING EQUITY, SHARING INNOVATIONS**

In-person and virtual options available

The BCCSU is pleased to announce that the 4th annual BC Substance Use Conference will be hosted on May 15-17, 2022. The conference theme this year is *All Together: Advancing equity, sharing innovations*. We invite all BC Stakeholders involved in and impacted by substance use to join us for an education experience focussed on clinical expertise, lived experiences, and the latest evidence and innovations. Please stay tuned for registration information, coming soon.

Substance use nursing in rural contexts: an Addiction Practice Pod interview with Kate Hodgson



Substance-related harms affect all parts of the country, but clinicians in rural areas face different circumstances due to resource constraints and unique relationships with communities they serve. In a recent episode of the *Addiction Practice Pod*, we spoke with Kate Hodgson, Nursing Practice Consultant with First Nations Health Authority, about her perspective on rural substance use nursing.

- Read: [Substance use nursing in rural contexts](#)
- Listen: [Addiction Practice Pod S2Ep1, Substance use care in rural and remote contexts](#)

Let us know what you think by completing this short survey! If you have listened to any episodes of the *Addiction Practice Pod*, we would appreciate your feedback.

- Survey: [Addiction Practice Pod evaluation](#)

Addiction Pharmacy Fellowship: applications open until January 21, 2022

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**ADDICTION
PHARMACY
FELLOWSHIP**
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-23

The Shoppers Drug Mart Addiction Pharmacy Fellowship at the BCCSU prepares pharmacy fellows for clinical work in the field of addiction, and to take leadership roles in academic, policy, program development and/or research settings. The program includes specialty training in inpatient and outpatient addiction management and related concurrent disorders training.

The program runs from July 4, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (one year) and is part-time, with rotations spread throughout the year.

- Apply now: [Shoppers Drug Mart Addiction Pharmacy Fellowship](#)

BC ECHO on Substance Use programming

We want your feedback!

The BC ECHO on Substance Use is committed to continuous quality improvement and will be evaluating the impact of this educational program. As part of these efforts, all participants are invited to fill out mid-cycle, or end-of-cycle evaluation surveys according to the number of ECHO sessions attended. Each survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

If you have previously completed these surveys: Thank you!

- Opt in: In order to take part in this evaluation, **please get in touch as soon as possible** at bcechoonsubstanceuse@bccsu.ubc.ca with the subject line, "Opt-in to ECHO evaluation" and provide your name and email address in your message. We will send you a link to the survey shortly.
- If you previously agreed to take part in our evaluation, no need to opt-in: we will be in touch soon with instructions to complete the survey. We look forward to your feedback!

Regularly scheduled ECHO sessions will return soon

- For new session dates and topics, stay tuned through these newsletters, or by visiting <https://bcechoonsubstanceuse.ca/#upcoming-sessions>.

Additional resources for substance use care

Learning about opioid use disorder (LOUD) in the emergency department (ED) webinar series

The LOUD in the ED quality improvement initiative aims to improve the experience of opioid use disorder care for people and providers. A six-part, interactive and case-based webinar series, led by emergency care providers for emergency care providers, has been launched to support the initiative. [Register for upcoming webinars or view previous webinars here.](#)

Upcoming sessions:

- January 20, 2022, 5:30 - 6:30pm, Creating safer care experiences (webinar)
- February, 2022 (date TBA), Managing pain and withdrawal for patients with OUD

Substance use and addiction lunch & learn series

Hosted by UBC Health and BCCSU, the *Substance Use and Addiction Lunch & Learn Series* provides foundational knowledge about substance use and addiction. This free webinar series is geared towards health program instructors and preceptors from any discipline who supervise students. However, anyone can benefit from this learning, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

- Register: [January 20, 2022, 12:00 - 1:00pm, Substance use and stigma](#)
- Watch recording: [Substance use and addiction 101](#)

CCENDU Bulletin: Risks and harms associated with the non-medical use of benzodiazepines in the unregulated drug supply in Canada

Although benzodiazepines are among the most frequently prescribed drugs in the world, they are increasingly being identified in drugs on the unregulated market, particularly opioids. This bulletin, produced by the Canadian Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use (CCENDU), details the most common non-medical benzodiazepines detected in Canada, and aims to inform local responses for preventing and reducing associated harms.

- Read: [CCENDU Bulletin: Risks and harms associated with the non-medical use of benzodiazepines in the unregulated drug supply in Canada](#)

News from BC and Yukon

- News (from Fraser Health): [Fraser Health opens overdose prevention site in White Rock](#)
- Campaign (from Addiction Matters Kamloops): [Let's change the way we talk about substance use: *Take the Pledge, End the Stigma*](#)
- News (from UBC): [UBC study reveals link between medically prescribed opioids and injection drug use](#)
- Video series (from CBC): [Yukon father opens up about losing daughter to opioid overdose](#)

News from across Canada

- Policy Platform (from CAPUD): [Drug Decriminalization Done Right: A rights-based path for drug policy](#)
- News (from CBC): [As overdose deaths hit a grim new record, officials push Ottawa to stop treating addiction as a crime](#)

- News (from CBC): [More patients granted psilocybin exemption by federal government](#)
 - News (from CBC): [Six Nations in Ontario overhauling how it fights opioid crisis — and that includes changing policing](#)
 - News (from CBC): [Alcohol can cause cancer, so why don't most Canadians know that?](#)
 - News (from CBC): [Benzodiazepines 'a major problem' in illicit drug supply.](#)
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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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