



BC ECHO on SUBSTANCE USE

Monthly newsletter: May 2022

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 and across Canada.

BC ECHO on Substance Use programming

We are pleased to announce the next interactive online BC ECHO on Substance Use session! If you haven't already, we encourage you to sign up for the May 31 session and save the date in your calendar.

"Managing Chronic Pain in Patients with Alcohol Use Disorder"

- Tuesday, May 31 @ 12pm - 1pm PDT
- Details and registration [here](#)

Stay tuned! Future ECHO session details will be shared in the next newsletter and on the BC ECHO on Substance Use [website](#).

Submit a case

ECHO is a co-created community of practice that relies on your participation! Submitting and presenting a de-identified patient case is a great opportunity to contribute to the ECHO "all teach, all learn" model. If you feel shy, please consider submitting a case we can present for you. And, if you submit a case that hasn't been reflected in the sessions, sharing it with us is a great way for us to learn what is important to you! For more information, email us at BCECHOonsubstanceuse@bccsu.ubc.ca.

We're on YouTube

Want to catch up on previous BC ECHO on Substance Use sessions? Check out the BCCSU [YouTube channel](#), where you can watch recordings from the didactic presentation portion of past ECHO sessions, including the recent session on April 28, 2022.

BC Substance Use Conference



There's still time to register for the **4th annual BC Substance Use Conference!**

This two-day virtual conference brings together stakeholders from across the province to share clinical expertise, lived experiences, and the latest evidence relating to substance use. It will include presentations and panels on research, education, and clinical care guidance related to our conference theme – **“All together: Advancing equity, sharing innovations.”**

- **First Day: May 16 from 9:00am – 3:00pm**
- **Second Day: May 17 from 9:00am – 3:00pm**

Topics include:

- Safer supply / risk mitigation prescribing
- Justice, equity, inclusion & diversity (JEDI) across the continuum of care
- Managing benzodiazepine withdrawal in context of benzo-dope
- Stimulant use
- Psychedelics — current landscape and application to people who use substances
- Integrating clinical guidance in rural and remote settings
- Secure care for youth with SUDs
- Substance use innovations borne out of COVID-19
- Concurrent mental health and substance use disorders
- Novel ways of integrating Indigenous cultural safety and humility in substance use care
- Understanding the continuum of care through a trauma-informed lens

Program

Full program is available on the [conference registration page](#) hosted by UBC CPD. *Note: recordings of each session will be available to all registrants after the conference.*

Fee

\$50 per person. We aim to provide low-barrier costs for our education and training events. If this cost is a barrier for you to attend, please contact bccsu_education@bccsu.ubc.ca. Honoraria is available for those who need it for attending the conference; please indicate in your email if this is the case for you.

[Register here](#)

CSAM-SMCA 2022 Scientific Conference: Call for Abstracts



The 2022 CSAM-SMCA 2022 Annual Scientific Conference is being held November 3-5 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The theme of this year's conference is **What's Next: The Future of Addiction Medicine in Canada**. Conference organizers welcome presentation proposals on this and all other aspects of addiction medicine.

Everyone is invited to submit presentation proposals for the 2022 CSAM 2022 conference, especially people with lived and living experience of substance use and their families and friends (LLEAFF) and health care professionals. CSAM-SMCA membership is not required to present at the conference!

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3P3ySxN> #csam2022 #addiction #recovery #addictionmedicine

Resources for substance use care

Addiction Practice Pod

The [Addiction Practice Pod](#) is a podcast for health care providers. We interview clinicians, researchers, and people with lived and living experience to discuss approaches to addiction care and treatment that work.

All Season 2 episodes are now available to stream or download wherever you listen to podcasts. Here's a full list of episodes from this season.

- S2 Ep1: [Substance use care in rural and remote contexts](#)
- S2 Ep2: [Treatment and care for alcohol use disorder](#)
- S2 Ep3: [Treatment considerations for co-occurring chronic pain and opioid use disorder](#)

- S2 Ep4: [Psychosocial treatment approaches for substance use disorders](#)
- S2 Ep5: [Treatment considerations for co-occurring substance use disorders](#)
- S2 Ep6: [Improving care for racialized people who use drugs](#)

The Drug Resource and Education Project

[The Drug Resource and Education Project](#) provides tools and education on substance use for people who are impacted by drug policy. The project provides practical guidance on the constantly evolving best practices for performing drug checking in regards to harm reduction, service implementation, and messaging in a variety of settings.

Interior Health: Pharmacotherapy in AUD

Dr. Roland Engelbrecht shared his extensive knowledge about prescribing for alcohol use disorder (AUD) as a part of Interior Health's Echo Project on Mental Health and Substance Use. In this [10-minute presentation](#), clinicians and patients alike can learn more about different treatment options for AUD.

Culturally Safe Engagement

["Culturally Safe Engagement: What Matters to Indigenous \(First Nations, Métis and Inuit\) Patient Partners?"](#) was created from the voices of Indigenous patient partners and is written using their words. Partners were asked what mattered to them when participating in Indigenous culturally safe patient engagement opportunities. Eight key principles, starting with Awareness & Understanding and ending with Listen, emerged along with a series of recommended actions.

Endocarditis & Injection Drug Use Seminar Series

This five-part Canadian national seminar series focuses on improving care for people who inject drugs with endocarditis. The target audience is clinicians, but all interested are invited to join. Seminar series schedule and registration is available [here](#).

News from BC

- News (from BC Coroners Service): ["More than 9,400 British Columbians lost to toxic illicit drugs since 2016"](#)
- News (from Government of BC): ["Joint statement on the six-year anniversary of B.C.'s overdose emergency"](#)
- News (from CBC): ["An actor, a hockey reporter, a 12-year-old: These are some victims of B.C.'s toxic drug crisis"](#)
- Report (from BC Coroners Service): ["165 British Columbians lost to toxic drug supply in March 2022"](#)
- News (from Government of BC): ["Funding enhances addictions support for women, girls"](#)
- News (from Government of BC): ["Expanding access to mental-health supports for health-care, social service workers"](#)
- News (from First Nations Health Authority): ["New Partnership Creates First-Ever Overdose Prevention Site on Indigenous Land in BC"](#)
- Alert (from Northern Health): ["Toxic drug alert: Prince George \(April 22, 2022\)"](#)
- Alert (from Interior Health): ["Nelson Toxic Drug Alert \(April 22, 2022\)"](#)
- News (from Interior Health): ["Merritt Toxic Drug Alert \(May 5, 2022\)"](#)

- News (from College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC): ["Understanding the College's perspective on safer supply"](#)
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News from across Canada

- Data (from Government of Canada): ["Data Update: Opioid- and Stimulant-related Harms in Canada"](#)
 - News (from The Globe & Mail): ["Some parents are losing not one, but two children to drug overdoses, as Canada's opioid crisis worsens"](#)
 - News (from Toronto Star): ["Nearly 1 in 3 employees to die from an opioid overdose works in construction. Is the industry doing enough to confront the crisis?"](#)
 - News (from Filter): ["DULF Keeps Distributing Checked Drugs as Health Canada Flags Denial"](#)
 - News (from CBC): ["Preventing overdose deaths 'not rocket science,' activist says"](#)
 - News (from CBC): ["New study sheds light on how toxic and unsafe the drug supply has become in Thunder Bay"](#)
 - News (from CBC): ["Health agency warns crack laced with fentanyl may be circulating in Montreal"](#)
 - News (from CityNews): ["Families say 'forced' care won't work for youth while others say it could save lives"](#)
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Job postings

The Anne Vogel Clinic in Richmond, BC, is currently seeking two part-time physicians to work at this addictions outpatient clinic treating individuals with complex addictions including opiate addiction providing Opioid agonist treatment.

The postings for these positions can be found on the Health Match BC website here:

- [Family Practitioner/General Practitioner](#)
 - [Family Practitioner/General Practitioner](#)
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With gratitude, we acknowledge that the physical office of the BC Centre on Substance Use is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səli'lwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations, and that the reach of our work touches the territories of all 198 First Nations in B.C.

The BC ECHO on Substance Use aims to build confidence and skills among primary care providers and their teams in British Columbia. 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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