



BC ECHO on SUBSTANCE USE

New Guidance: Risk Mitigation Guidance Update & Opioid Use Disorder Practice Update

This special update to our BC ECHO on Substance Use community is to share that the "*Risk Mitigation Guidance in the Context of Dual Public Emergencies Update*" and new "*Opioid Use Disorder: Practice Update*" have now been approved by the Ministries of Health and Mental Health & Addiction and were released late yesterday.

In short, as the COVID-19 pandemic and overdose emergency continue, updated clinical guidance has been needed to support clinicians and people who rely on the unregulated drug supply. In combination, we're hoping these documents will provide prescribers with further clinical guidance to support ongoing care for people at risk of overdose and/or COVID-19 infection.

You can find the new guidance and supporting documents here:

- [Risk Mitigation in the Context of Dual Health Emergencies—Interim Clinical Guidance: Update](#)
- [Opioid Use Disorder: Practice Update](#)
- [Summary](#)
- [FAQ](#)

WEBINARS

The BC Centre on Substance Use will be hosting a series of clinician-targeted provincial and regionally-focused webinars that will provide an overview of the above guidance documents and opportunity to ask questions/seek advice to support implementing these changes into your practice.

We have two of these sessions currently scheduled, with additional regional webinars to come in the following weeks:

Provincial Webinar – Risk Mitigation and OUD Practice Update

- When: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 12:00-1:30PM
- Speakers: Dr. Paxton Bach, Dr. Rupi Brar, and Guy Felicella
- [Register](#)

Rural Webinar – Risk Mitigation and OUD Practice Update

- When: Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:00-6:30PM
- Speakers: Tracey Day, Dr. Hancke de Kock, and Jenny-Leigh McDougall
- [Register](#)

Recordings of both webinars will be made available on the BCCSU website. These recordings, along with additional updates and resources, will be made available at www.bccsu.ca/opioid-use-disorder.

We will also be connecting with our Health Authority partners for further education support as needed following these two webinars.

In the interim, clinical questions can be directed to the 24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line in order to receive consultative advice from an addiction medicine specialist (phone 778-945-7619) or, for general and less time-sensitive inquiries, by emailing bccsu_education@bccsu.ubc.ca.

Thank you,

The BC ECHO on Substance Use team

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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