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Fall Speaker Series

The NSSCoP on October 7th and October 14th had two fantastic webinars respectively on Uprooting Medical Violence: How to build an Anti-Oppressive Praxis in Safer Supply Programs (Speaker: Nanky Rai) and Safer Supply 101: An Introduction, Orientation and Backgrounder (Speaker: Corey Ranger). [CLICK HERE](#) for access to video recordings and resources shared from both webinars.

November 2021 Events

Weekly Drop-In Meetings

Members are welcome to join our weekly meeting drop-in meetings. It is an interdisciplinary group with prescribers, pharmacists, harm reduction workers, policy folks, nurses, people who use drugs etc. Right now, we are meeting on Thursdays at 12 pm EST. [Zoom Link](#)

Next Hot-Topic Meeting

November 25th, 2021. 12 – 1 EST.

Presenter: TBD

Link: TBD

OCTOBER MEETING THEMES

Meeting minutes can be found in the meeting notes and resources folder on NSS Google Drive.

October 21st

- Medical Model
- Diacetylmorphine and Histamine Response
- What other drugs give the pins and needles?

October 28th

- NSSCoP Working Groups
- Fentanyl Patch Program

FEATURED RESOURCES


- Third party drug checking: accessing harm reduction services on the behalf of others
- Investigating the impacts of COVID-19 among LGBTQ2S youth experiencing homelessness
- Research led by people who use drugs: centering the expertise of lived experience
- Socioeconomic correlates of incident and fatal opioid overdose among Swedish people with opioid use disorder
- Opioid agonist treatment and patient outcomes during the COVID-19 pandemic in south east Sydney, Australia
- Acceptability of, and barriers and facilitators to, a pilot physical health service for people who inject drugs: A qualitative study with service users and providers
- The use of diverted pharmaceutical opioids is associated with reduced risk of fentanyl exposure among people using unregulated drugs in Vancouver, Canada
- Do naloxone access laws affect perceived risk of heroin use? Evidence from national US data
- Improved syringe disposal practices associated with unsanctioned safe consumption site use: A cohort study of people who inject drugs in the United States



Upcoming Events in the Safer Supply Community:

We are currently seeking people who use drugs (PWUD) to join the NSS-CoP, particularly people who have experience with accessing safer supply programs. Details about compensation and on [Page 5](#). [Register Here](#)

- Outcomes of Ottawa, Canada's Managed Opioid Program (MOP) where supervised injectable hydromorphone was paired with assisted housing
- Trends in and Characteristics of Buprenorphine Misuse Among Adults in the US
- Drug risk perception and risk management strategies among Israeli functioning drug users: a qualitative exploration
- Wearable biosensors have the potential to monitor physiological changes associated with opioid overdose among people who use drugs: A proof-of-concept study in a real-world setting
- 5 Things you should know about Safer Supply Opioid Programs



“CAMH shares five things pharmacists should know about safer opioid supply programs in the context of Canada’s opioid crisis.”

RESEARCH

We encourage CoP members to email safersupplyon@gmail.com with submissions to include in our newsletter. Content examples can include but is not limited to community led projects, peer reviewed articles, grey literature, government publications, etc.

- Oviedo-Joekes et. al. 2009. Diacetylmorphine versus Methadone for the Treatment of Opioid Addiction | NEJM
- Salazar et. al. 2020. Research led by people who use drugs: centering the expertise of lived experience | BioMed Central
- Oviedo-Joekes, Eugenia et. al. 2016 Hydromorphone Compared With Diacetylmorphine for Long-term Opioid Dependence A Randomized Clinical Trial (SALOME)

NEWS

- Dangerous benzo-dope replacing fentanyl on the streets <https://datac.ca/dangerous-benzo-dope-replacing-fentanyl-on-the-streets/>
- Ottawa drug treatment program showing promising results <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/manage-d-opioid-program-ottawa-inner-city-health-1.6206864>
- Opioid deaths in B.C. far outpaced those from COVID-19 “Access to legal supply of drugs is the “single most important thing we can do” to combat the overdose crisis, says chief medical officer at VCH.” <https://theprovince.com/news/opioid-deaths-in-b-c-far-outpaced-those-from-covid-19>
- The 'Safe Supply' Movement Aims to Curb Drug Deaths Linked to the Opioid Crisis <https://time.com/6108812/drug-deaths-safe-supply-opioids/>
- Waterloo Region’s first safe supply program sees early success in helping those who use drugs <https://www.therecord.com/news/waterloo-region/2021/10/28/waterloo-regions-first-safe-supply-program-sees-early-success-in-helping-those-who-use-drugs.html>
- B.C. seeks to decriminalize possession of illicit drugs in bid to slow worsening crisis <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-bc-government-finalizes-submission-to-decriminalize-drug-possession/>
- BC’s decriminalization plan doesn’t go far enough https://www.pivotlegal.org/bcs_decriminalization_plan_doesnt_go_far_enough
- BC’s ‘Starting Point’ to Decriminalize Drug Possession Has Far to Go, Say Advocates <https://thetyee.ca/News/2021/11/02/BC-Starting-Point-Decriminalize-Drug-Possession-Far-To-Go/>

“Access to legal supply of drugs is the “single most important thing we can do” to combat the overdose crisis, says chief medical officer at VCH.”

THE PROVINCE

TIP OF THE MONTH

LONDON INTERCOMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE RN STREAM FOR STABLE CLIENTS:

- A process for stable clients who may not need to see the prescriber each visit
- Client first meets with RN. RN determines if there is a need for client to see the prescriber
- RN check-in list and summary stamp for documentation
- Focus: acute needs (missed doses, skin issues, spinal abscesses, etc.), harm reduction, social needs and contact info
- Requires good communication across the team (clinical and social providers)

For more information: see Weekly Tip folder on [Google Drive](#)

Have a question that you'd like to ask? Email us: safersupplyon@gmail.com or send a message via [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#).

UPDATES

We are currently seeking people who use drugs (PWUD) to join the NSS-CoP, particularly people who have experience accessing Safer Supply programs. If you're a person who uses(d) drugs, you can [register here](#) to join the NSS-CoP. By joining, you will have access to exclusive resources, webinars, discussion groups, and more! In addition to this, we are aiming to form a working group run exclusively by-and-for PWUD. Working group members will:

- Participate in our monthly meetings, lasting approximately 1 - 1.5 hours.
- Be compensated at a rate of \$75/per meeting.
- Be encouraged to share their knowledge and experiences with accessing Safer Supply programs and collaborate on various knowledge translation projects, as determined by the working group.

If you are interested in applying for a position on the working group, [please fill out this application](#). All applicants are welcome, but the NSSCoP will prioritize applications from members of marginalized, racialized, and criminalized communities. Questions and concerns? Email alexandra@capud.ca.

CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO USE[D] DRUGS

- Do you identify as a person who accesses or has accessed safer supply programs within Canada?
- Want to share your experiences, provide valuable insights, and participate in safer supply program development?
- Join our community of practice to help us ensure that participants of safer supply programs are meaningfully and justly included and that our work, ideas, and experiences are integrated and amplified across the country!
- You will be fairly compensated for your work!

REGISTER NOW!  **NSS-APS.CA**

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- The NSSCoP website is LIVE! Visit us at www.nss-aps.ca to register! We urge current members who haven't done so to re-register to the CoP via our website. We are also on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)! Follow us for updates, news and happenings in our Community of Practice!
- Past event: video: [The Growing Overdose and Opioid Epidemic During COVID-19 | Community Matters Podcast Ep. 4](#)



Oct 5 webinar recording from CATIE. Here's a recording of a webinar from CATIE, the Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program, and the Ontario Harm Reduction Network. Ontario's overdose crisis: Addressing inhalation and stimulant use. <https://www.catie.ca/en/ontario-s-overdose-crisis-addressing-inhalation-and-stimulant-use>. Slide deck and a resource list are also available at that link.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Share your skills:

We'd like to create opportunities for skills sharing. Let us know if you would like to offer a workshop or present to the membership.

Share your successes:

Share your success stories, your reports, and safer supply resources that you develop with the NSS-CoP membership through:

- Our meetings
- Our newsletter
- Our resource library (currently housed on [Google Drive](#))
- The NSS-CoP [Google Group / listserv.](#)

Let us know what you need!

How can we help? Our goal is to support you by assisting in areas around your programs, organizations and communities!