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Ontario Node Highlights

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Quebec-Atlantic Node Symposium

Ontario Node-Regional Work

Recent Highlights

- 12 submitted publications since June, and 2 accepted in Lancet
- Significant increase in Node membership (including targeted outreach)
- Revamp in website (ongoing): www.crismontario.ca
- Increase in engagement activities: OCRINT newsletters, broadcasts, conference attendance and exhibition booths
 - > Canadian Mental Health Association Conference (September 23-25, 2019)
 - > Recovery Capital Conference (September 25-27, 2019)
 - > Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (November 25-27, 2019)
- Ontario Node Development fund launched and closed: 6 successful applicants

OCRINT Symposiums Recap (Jan and Sept 2019)

Dimension	Result	% of total score
Drug Category	1. Opioids	79%
	2. Multiple-drug use (Sept)	21%
	3. Alcohol (Jan)	18%
	4. Cannabis (Jan)	17%
	5. Non-opioid illicit drugs (meth) (Sept)	13%
Target Population	1. Homeless, street drug user	45%
	2. Youth	44%
	3. Indigenous Populations	40%
Type of Intervention	1. Harm Reduction Interventions	49%
	2. Prevention interventions that focus on people before using substances	26%
	3. Treatment interventions that focus on people using medication (Sept)	15%
	4. Treatment interventions that focus on psychosocial and recovery-based treatment for patients with substance use disorder (Jan)	14%
	5. System improvement (Sept)	10%
Type of Research and Knowledge Translation	1. Community-based research	71%
	2. Implementation research	54%
	3. Knowledge translation (Sept)	17%
	4. Prevention Research (Jan)	9%

OCRINT Symposiums

Findings

- Opioids were found to be the top priority drug category by the majority of stakeholders at both symposiums (38% and 41% in Sept and Jan, respectively)
- Three main target populations emerged as priorities for research:
 - Homeless, street drug user
 - Youth
 - Indigenous peoples
- Stakeholders identified harm reduction interventions and prevention focusing on people before they use substances as priorities for intervention research
- Community-based research and implementation research were also most frequently identified as a priority for research/ knowledge translation

Demonstration Projects

Identifying Priorities for Drug Use Research in Ontario Among People with Lived Experience

(in partnership with Addictions and Mental Health Ontario)

- This project engages PWLE in sharing their experiences and perspectives on substance use/addiction services in Ontario, as well as identifying key priority areas for substance use research in Ontario

Research Questions

1. What are the specific needs among people who use drugs (PWUD) in Ontario?
 2. What are the existing gaps in substance use/addiction services for PWUD in Ontario?
 3. How can the availability, accessibility, and quality of substance use/addiction services in Ontario be improved?
 4. What do PWUD in Ontario believe should be substance use research priorities?
- Worked closely with peers to design the project and develop the appropriate questions
 - We will conduct semi-structured, one-on-one interviews with participants recruited from substance use/addiction services located across Ontario (n=200) using the ConnexOntario database.
 - Recruitment and interviews in process

Identifying Service Providers' Priorities for Drug Use Research In Ontario

(in partnership with Addictions and Mental Health Ontario)

- This project will survey service providers for youth across Ontario (using ConnexOntario database) asking them questions on what they feel **should be the priorities of research on substance use** in Ontario, ways to address these issues, while also understanding the landscape of service provision, challenges and access to help improve prevention and harm-reduction efforts for youth.
- The study will help us understand what government-funded youth specific service providers in Ontario really need in terms of improving service access and where research should be invested to help support the reduction of youth substance use issues in the future.
- The findings can help support appropriate program and service development and delivery for youth, and has the potential to inform future research projects.

Assessing 'Not In My Back Yard' (NIMBY) Perceptions Towards 'The Works' Supervised Injection Service in Toronto

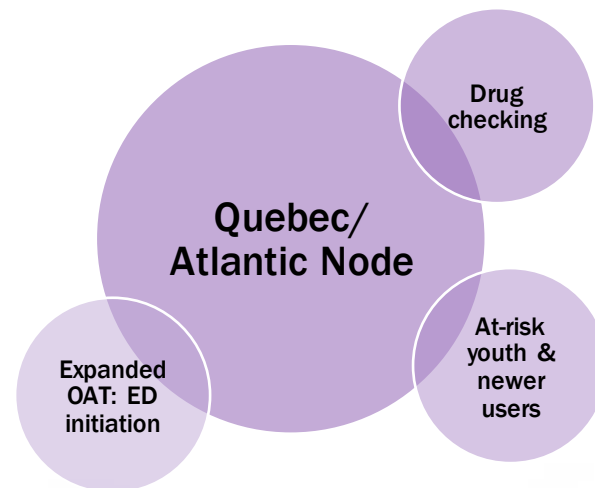
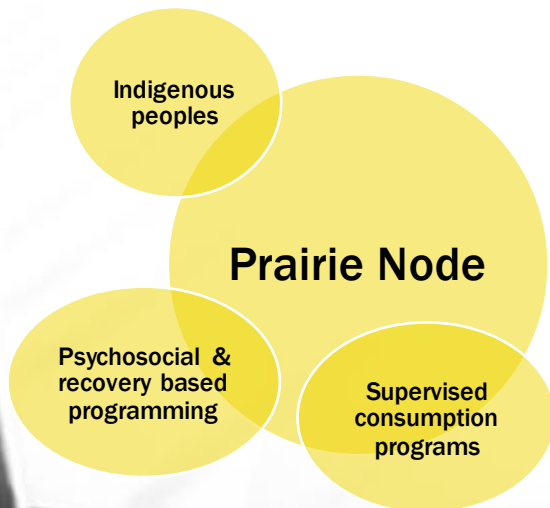
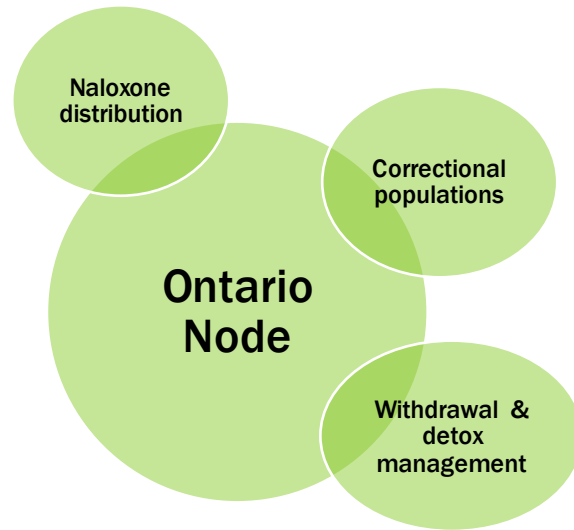
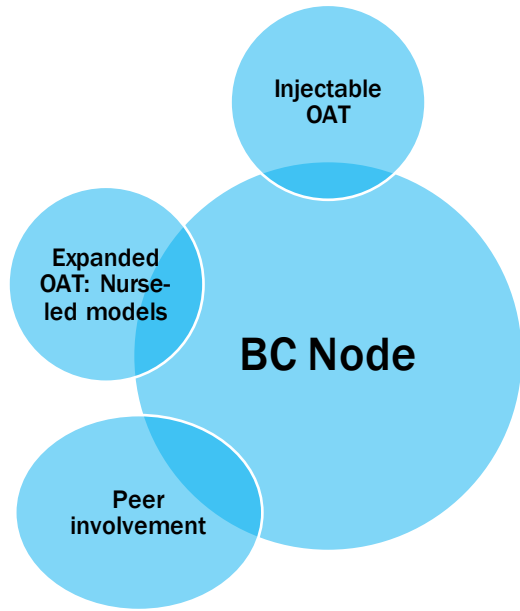
(in partnership with Toronto Public Health)

- This study will utilize focus groups and interviews with community members (residents, business owners, clients of 'The Works', front-line staff) to examine perceptions of 'The Works' in Toronto in order to address any concerns and examine changes in community perceptions over time
- *This study will be presented in greater detail this afternoon*

The Blunt Truth Evaluation: By youth-for-youth Cannabis Resource

- This project aims to evaluate the utilization of the Blunt Truth among organizations, services and institutions that are purchasing the tool.
- We will survey those who purchased the tool to understand:
 - a) Who they are;
 - b) What sector(s) they work in;
 - c) How they have used it;
 - d) How many they have distributed;
 - e) Who they have distributed it to;
 - f) How useful they perceive it to be;
 - g) What age range and profile of youth they think it is appropriate for;
 - h) Which aspects of the tool are most/least useful;
 - i) The impact they perceive it to have;
 - j) What modifications they would suggest for a future iteration of the tool;
 - k) Any other feedback they may have

Implementation Science Program



- ✓ Each CRISM Node facilitates 3 projects in the program
- ✓ Each project has a regionally-based PI supported by a leadership group drawn from all Nodes
- ✓ Each project intended to have national scope, but with meaningful regional connections and input
- ✓ Each project working on rapid early deliverables, capitalizing on regional service innovations

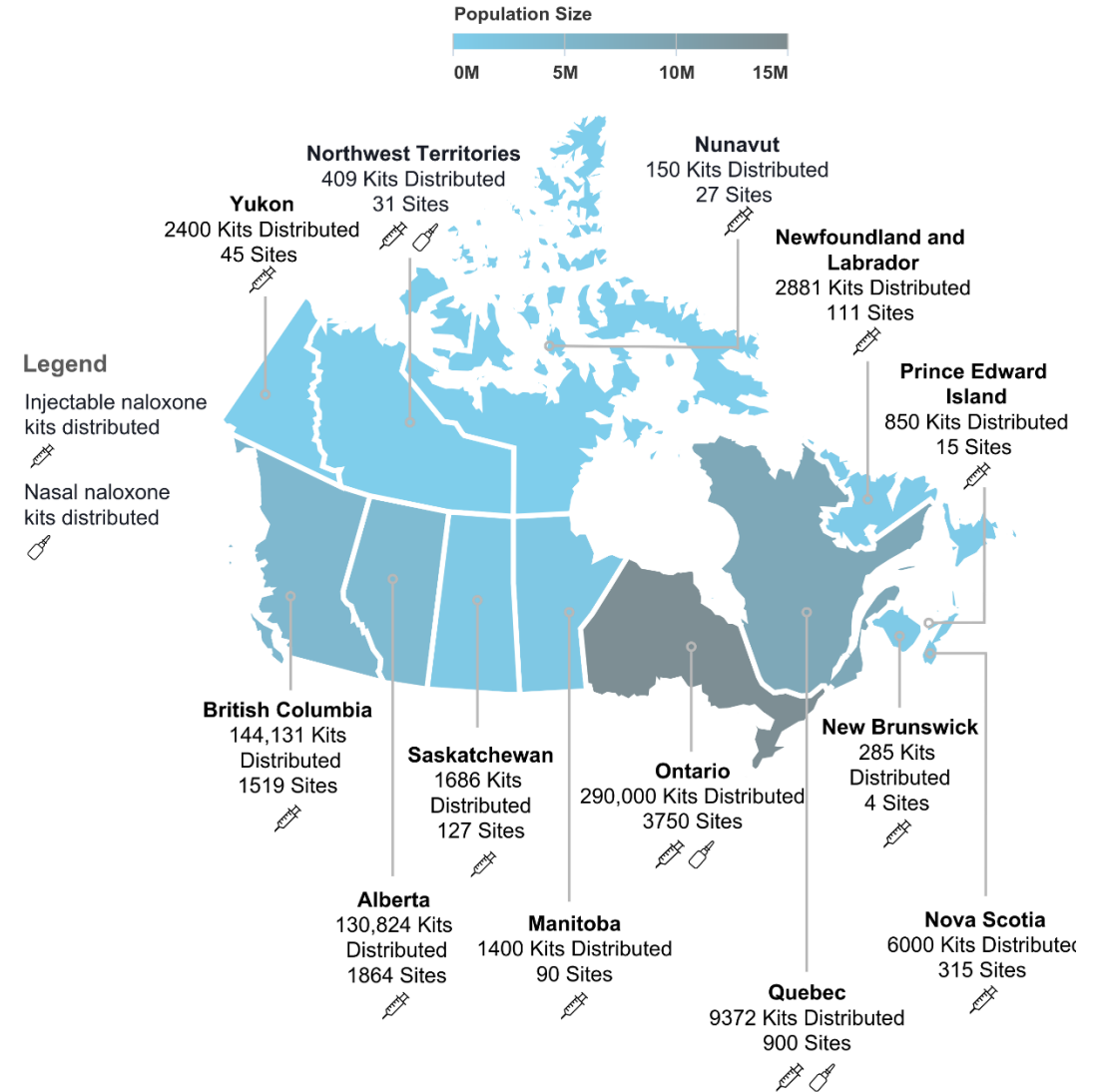
Ontario Node facilitation: Naloxone Project

Projects

1. Conduct environmental scan of availability, regulations and practices of naloxone in Canada;
2. Development of Naloxone 'Best Practice' Guideline;
3. Repository of Canadian Data/Outcomes on Naloxone Distribution

Early Deliverables

- ✓ National environmental scan complete
- ✓ Knowledge exchange products released June 19, 2019



Ontario Node facilitation: Detoxification and Withdrawal Management

Detoxification and Withdrawal Management Project

1. National survey of Detoxification/Withdrawal Management Practices and Needs across Canada
2. Development of Opioid Detoxification/Withdrawal Management Review and “Best Practice” Document

Early Deliverables

- ✓ System mapping, national inventory of WMS programs, and sampling frame development complete
- ✓ Survey launched on REDCap July 2019
- ✓ Best Practice Guideline Committee under development

Please complete the survey below.

Thank you!

Program & respondent information	
What is the name (s) of the program you are responding on behalf of?	<input type="text"/>
What is your position or role within the program you are responding on behalf of?	<input type="text"/>
Which catchment area(s) does your program serve?	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Expand</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">(Catchment area refers to the city/county/region you draw your clients from and are legally responsible to service. If this does not apply to your program, e.g. your clients are typically referred from a national registry, please indicate the geographic area you serve.)</p>
The focus of this survey is on withdrawal management services (WMS) in Canada. If your program does not provide WMS the next question will help you exit the survey.	
Does your program provide withdrawal management	<input type="radio"/> On a residential basis only <input type="radio"/> On a non-residential basis (e.g., home or mobile team) <input type="radio"/> Both residential and non-residential

Ontario Node facilitation: Correctional Populations

A) Evaluating the Impact of Strategies to Prevent Opioid-Related Harms in People who Experience Imprisonment in Provisional Prisons in Ontario

Status: Awaiting for approval from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for data access

B) Pre- and Post-Release Study of Federal Offenders on Opioid Substitution Treatment (OST)

Status: Interview guide translated; REB submitted; Anticipated start date into correction sites: Fall 2019

C) Examining the Opioid Landscape within Federal Prisons in Alberta

Status: Received approval from Correctional Services Canada to conduct research on fentanyl; Currently awaiting security clearances from the institutions regarding entry; Anticipated start of interviews Fall 2019

D) An Evaluation of the use of Community Transition Teams to improve health outcomes for individuals recently released from British Columbia Corrections

Status: Received provisional ethics approval from UBC/BC Corrections and BCMHSUS; received a grant to CIHR for additional funding support to scale up the evaluations to all correctional sites within BC