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Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse

CRISM Prairies Annual Meeting November 1 & 2 2018

The CRISM Prairies team is pleased to share our annual meeting draft agenda. This document is available for [download here](#) as a pdf file for your review.

The meeting will be hosted at [Wanuskewin Heritage Park](#) and out of town guests will stay at the [Park Town Hotel](#) in Saskatoon. Transportation to the site will be provided daily.

If you have any comments, questions, or further ideas for the agenda please be in touch with Node Manager, [Denise Adams](#) (denise.adams@ualberta.ca). All travel expenses will be covered for CRISM Prairies node members.

You can register for the meeting by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7HLD5YG>

We look forward to seeing you there!

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National Opiate Treatment Guidelines: Video presentation and other resources available now!

In 2017 principal investigators for the CRISM nodes across Canada led the effort to adapt the BC provincial guideline, to achieve a national scope through a multi-stage review process that engaged four interdisciplinary committees to achieve applicability across Canada including; British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, and Quebec-Atlantic provinces. Each committee independently reviewed the guideline, provided feedback, and collectively reached consensus on the content and recommendations. Following an external review, the principal investigators have finalized the guideline for national dissemination.

Available resources including the full guideline, summary postcards, presentation video, and more. These materials are available by visiting the CRISM Prairies website [here](#).

Events & Activities

Recovery Day Canada 2018

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Throughout the month of September Canadians in recovery from addiction will join with friends and family to build awareness, challenge societal stigma, and celebrate the role that recovery plays in improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

To learn more about this initiative and to join activities in your city visit: www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.ca or email info@facesandvoicesofrecovery.ca for more information.

**Alberta Health Services Addition & Mental Health
Opioid Dependency Treatment Learning Sessions**

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2018-19 Telehealth Dates

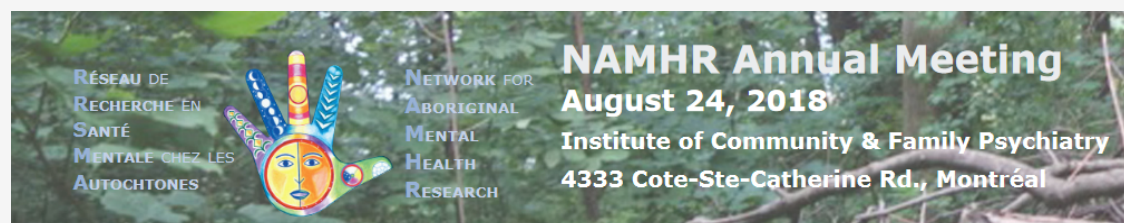


Monthly virtual health learning sessions have been announced for 2018-19 by Alberta Health Services, Addiction & Mental Health. These 3 hour sessions (9am-12pm), provide the opportunity to learn from inter-professional experts across the province about OUD and OAT through didactic presentations, de-identified case discussions, and question and answer periods.

Learning sessions start September 21 2018!

For more information please [download the pdf](#) brochure directly or email telehealth.info@ahs.ca to register.

Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research Annual Meeting 2018



The *Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research* (NAMHR), established with funding from the CIHR Institute for Aboriginal Peoples Health, brings together students, researchers, community members, and mental health practitioners from across the country to build capacity for culturally safe and appropriate mental health and addictions research, and promote knowledge exchange to meet the needs of Indigenous communities. The annual meeting provides opportunities to present new research and emerging priorities, develop collaborations and find mentors.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity please visit: www.namhr.ca/current-activities

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There is no fee to attend but registration is required. Please complete the registration form [available here](#) and send by email to antoneia.cienci@mail.mcgill.ca

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Harm Reduction International Conference 2019



HR19 will be 2019's largest international harm reduction event, bringing together over 1,000 people from around the world working at the heart of harm reduction and drug policy. Over four days of presentations, workshops, films, networking events and more, the conference will continue its history of providing a dynamic forum to share the latest research and discussions on best practice in drug use, harm reduction and human rights.

Despite progress in the global debate, reform in many places remains far off. HR19 will be a unique opportunity to learn first-hand about the public health and rights advances made under Portugal's model. The conference theme, 'People before Politics,' will underpin all HR19 activities and highlight the importance of putting public health and people's lives before political ideology.

To receive conference updates and find more information please visit the [HR19 website](#). Abstract submissions will open in August 2018!

Resources & Funding Opportunities

**Funding Opportunity:
CIHR Evaluation of Interventions to Address the Opioid Crisis**

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The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has recently launched a funding opportunity for new opioid-related intervention evaluations.

The Operating Grant: Evaluation of Interventions to Address the Opioid Crisis will provide rapid information on the effectiveness of interventions and practices put in place to address the most urgent elements of the opioid crisis. Evaluations of interventions at any point in their development, starting from assessing effectiveness of the implementation strategy for the intervention, are relevant for this funding opportunity. To learn more about this opportunity please visit [Research Net](#) competition 201809EOC.

The registration deadline is August 21 2018 and the application deadline is September 5 2018.

CIHR will also be hosting a webinar on Wednesday, August 15 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM EDT. The webinar will focus on a review of the funding opportunity and questions from participants. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

Resource: CCSA & CISUR - Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms (2007-2014)



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In June 2018, Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) and the University of Victoria's Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR) released a new report, [Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms \(2007–2014\)](#), covering a broad range of substances including alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opioids and central nervous system (CNS) depressants, cocaine and CNS stimulants, and other substances such as hallucinogens and inhalants.

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Providing national, provincial and territorial estimates for the cost and harms of substance use between 2007 and 2014, the study estimates the total cost of substance in Canada in 2014 at \$38.4 billion. Alcohol and tobacco use contributed over two thirds of these costs, while opioids ranked a distant third.

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To learn more and download the full report please visit the [CCSA website](#) or [CISUR website](#). You can also visit the Canadian substance use costs and harms website at [csuch.ca](#) to learn more about this project.

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Say Know: Drug Education Project Podcast Available Now!



Say Know is network of individuals whose lives have been impacted in one way or another from the drug trade. Say Know is working to bridge the gap between academic research and knowledge earned from the street by sharing perspectives, resources, and education materials.

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information about drugs and address addictions from multiple perspectives. Have a listen and be sure to subscribe to receive latest episodes!

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Be a Guest: Say Know organizers are also seeking guests to appear on the show! Prior guests have included people with lived experience, policy makers and researchers. Please contact Matt Ingrouille (matt@sayknow.org) to express your interest!

Additional Resources: Say Know offers professional consultation services for researchers, groups, and organizations. Say Know can also provide presentations for human service professionals, community groups, and youth with their parents. To learn more about these opportunities please visit www.sayknow.org

**Resource: Manitoba Harm Reduction Network
Application & Action - TRC Reading guide for Non-Indigenous organizations**



The Manitoba Harm Reduction Network (MHRN) has recently released the resource *Application & Action: TRC Reading guide for Non-Indigenous Organizations* to guide organizations in reading and applying the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's](#) final report.

As stated on the MHRN website, "Use this kit as a guide for your organization to read and apply the TRC report. This toolkit will be most helpful for organizations that have already begun the work of decolonization, and understand some of the concepts contained in the guide. A clear understanding of social justice, the social determinants of health, systemic discrimination and anti-oppression will be necessary to fully engage with the content."

To access this important resource please visit the [MHRN website](#) or download it directly [here](#).

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)Resource: Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction
Improving quality of Life - Substance Use and Aging[Translate](#) ▼[RSS](#) 

The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) has released *Improving Quality of Life: Substance Use and Aging* the latest report in the Substance Use in Canada series. The report provides a summary of the best available evidence on substance use among older adults in Canada.

Improving Quality of Life: Substance Use and Aging will give decision makers, policy makers, nurses, geriatricians, researchers and others working with older adults an opportunity to consider the evidence as they develop and employ more effective prevention and intervention programs aimed at addressing substance use among older adults.

Download a [summary](#) of the report or the [full report](#) directly, or visit the [CCSA website](#) for more information.

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