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Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse

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CRISM is a national network dedicated to translating substance misuse intervention research results into practice and policy.

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CRISM Prairies Updates

CRISM Prairies Annual Meeting

Since 2016 CRISM Prairies has been pleased to host an annual gathering of our members to discuss current issues in our region and collaborate across provinces. However, we will not be hosting an annual gathering in 2019.

We do encourage our members to continue in their collaborations and utilize existing node resources over the coming year as the Prairie node engages with the next steps for our national network funding renewal.

We look forward to seeing CRISM Prairies members at other regional and national events in the coming year. Be sure to say hello when you notice one of our CRISM tables!

New Research by Node Members Published!

Node members have recently published two important papers, with partial support from the CRISM | Prairies Node Development Program. Follow the links below to access the online versions.

Drs. Sandra Bucerius and Kevin Haggerty recently published [*Fentanyl behind bars: The implications of synthetic opiates on prisoners and correctional officers*](#)

Dr. Elaine Hyshka and colleagues recently published [*Patient characteristics associated with being offered take home naloxone in a busy, urban emergency department: A retrospective chart review*](#).

Congratulations to the authors on this groundbreaking work!

Events & Activities

**Alberta SCS Provincial Review: Public Engagement Sessions
Edmonton September 18 & 19**

Supervised consumption services review

An expert committee is reviewing the social and economic impacts of current and proposed supervised consumption services.

Public engagement sessions are being held in areas with currently operating or proposed Safe Consumption Services (SCS). Local area residents are encouraged to attend these sessions and share

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Edmonton - Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, September 19, 9pm to 9 pm - Windsor
Ballrooms 2 and 3, Edmonton Inn and Conference Centre, 11830 Kingsway Avenue NW

Those interested in attending a public engagement session are encouraged to visit www.alberta.ca/scsreview to indicate their preferred date and time.

There is also an online survey available for [individuals](#) and [businesses](#) to provide feedback until **September 30th**.

**Clinical Health Research Conference
Calgary AB September 20 2019**



This conference brings together Alberta's Clinical Health Research community for a day of discovery. With a focus on Alberta, this event highlights new and emerging areas in clinical health research, provides practical knowledge on conducting research in the province, and offers the opportunity to network and connect with others involved in clinical health research.

The day will include a mix of main and breakout sessions, provincial initiative updates, as well as booths where organizations will share their initiatives.

To register for the conference please visit: <https://albertainnovates.ca/our-health-innovation-focus/health-research-ethics/health-research-ethics-clinical-health-research-conference>

**Prevention Matters 2019 Conference
October 2-4 Saskatoon SK**



Prevention Matters 2019 will focus on building connections and collaborations across disciplines and across the province, to learn from one another to address healthy child development and well-being. The conference will highlight the role of prevention in health and how knowledge exchange (sharing knowledge in multiple directions and ways) is the foundation to addressing needs and improving health.

For more information and to register please visit the conference website at <https://skprevention.ca/pm2019/>
Registration closes September 24 2019.

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Developing respectful approaches and solutions for Indigenous health



The National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH) and the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID) is hosting a webinar on crystal meth and Indigenous health on **September 18 2019** from **1pm-2:30pm CST**. This webinar is intended to provide public health professionals and organizations with basic information about the drug and factors leading to use, the clinical effects it can have, particularly regarding infectious diseases, and ideas for strengthening partnerships with Indigenous organizations to develop respectful and culturally relevant approaches and solutions.

You can [register for the webinar](#) and access additional resources by visiting the the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health [website](#).

Recovery Month Canada September 2019



Recovery Month Canada acknowledges and supports recovery practices, the emergence of a strong recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across Canada who make recovery from addiction in all its forms possible. Recovery month Canada includes Recovery Day events and Recovery Capital Conferences across the country during the month of September.

To learn more about events in your area please visit: <http://recoverymonthcanada.ca/>

Resources & Funding Opportunities

Cannabis Public Education and Awareness Campaign Update

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CANNABIS IN CANADA

Get the facts



Health Canada's *Cannabis Public Education and Awareness Campaign* continues to provide current information and resources for the public. The most recent newsletter (May 2019) can be downloaded as a [pdf file here](#) for your review.

Highlight initiatives include:

- Advertising for lower-risk use messages
- Strategic Communications including a micro-grant digital communication toolkit
- Website Resources for common questions about cannabis in Canada

To learn more about public education activities directed by Health Canada please visit the Government of Canada website [backgrounder page](#).

Analytics Partnership: Demonstration KT Materials

CRISM | Prairies has partnered with the [Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Research Partnership Program](#) and the [Addictions & Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network](#) of Alberta Health Services. Prairie Node members with an interest in secondary analyses of addiction-related health services data are invited to access this new initiative!

The partnership offers a dedicated Masters-level analyst to access AHS data holdings for CRISM | Prairie members. Approved projects can address research, evaluation, quality improvement, and measurement questions related to substance misuse through this free service.

A demonstration of the knowledge translation materials that can be produced through this initiative are available for your review and include a [report on amphetamine use in AB](#) with accompanying [infographic](#).

Projects are eligible for this service using the following criteria:

- No primary data collection
- The project makes use of data already held in AHS or AH data repositories
- The project proposal must align with CRISM objectives or AHS priorities, or both
- Preference will be given to projects in the following order:
 - Aligns with both CRISM objectives and AHS priorities
 - Aligns with CRISM or AHS with some overlap with the other agency
 - Aligns only with CRISM or AHS with no overlap

To get started with your own project please [download the application template](#) and submit the completed application to ResearchPartnership@albertahealthservices.ca. Applications are reviewed by a joint CRISM | Prairies and AHS governance committee. For more information please contact Denise Adams at denise.adams@ualberta.ca

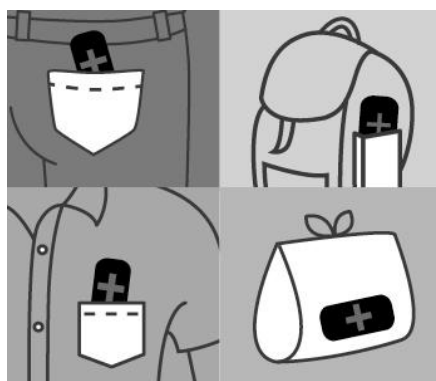
Pharmacist's Virtual Communication Toolkit: Engaging in effective conversations about opioids

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Pharmacist's Virtual Communication Toolkit: Engaging in Effective Conversations About Opioids

The National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) is sharing a new resource! The [Pharmacist's Virtual Communication Toolkit: Engaging in Effective Conversations About Opioids](#) provides pharmacists with communication tips and strategies for engaging in effective conversations with patients about opioids, as well as links to other resources and references to help them become more comfortable engaging with patients regarding opioids.

Carry It Toolkit From CMHA



IF YOU CARE, CARRY IT.

Anyone can save a life
with **NALOXONE.**

Prevent and respond to an opioid
overdose on campus



www.cmha.ca/carryit

This post-secondary campus toolkit is for administrators, students or members of the faculty or staff. It is designed to help the campus community create a blueprint (or "protocol") to prevent and respond to opioid overdoses including:

- A campus protocol sample
- Opioids 101
- Naloxone 101
- Quick Guide: Drug Safety on Campus
- Quick Guide: Safer Drug Use on Campus
- Fact Sheet: Dispelling Myths about Opioids
- Fact Sheet: Students and Mental Health
- Poster
- Social Media Bank + Social Shareables
- Printable Wallet Card
- And more!

Please visit the Canadian Mental Health Association [website](http://www.cmha.ca) to access this great resource!

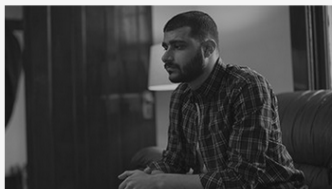
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In Plain Sight - New Audio Series from Health Canada

Audio series on opioids: In Plain Sight

In Plain Sight is a Health Canada audio series that explores the personal stories of people affected by the opioid crisis.



Every day, approximately 11 people die from opioid overdoses in Canada. We see this on the news. We know that it's happening. We know that it's real. Yet, we tell ourselves that it couldn't happen to the people we know, the people we work with, the people we love; that it couldn't happen to us. The reality is, the opioid crisis is happening right before our eyes, in plain sight, and it can affect anyone.

Health Canada is proud to present a new audio series called *In Plain Sight* that explores the personal stories of people affected by the opioid crisis in Canada.

The series is available on Canada.ca/Opioids, and will be made available on iTunes and Google Play. We ask that you take the time to listen to these stories and share them with your network.

In addition, you can follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and help [share social media messages](#) to help us raise awareness about the opioid crisis in Canada. Messages about In Plain Sight will be posted on Facebook and Twitter over the next few months.

If you have any questions about the *In Plain Sight* audio series, please email: hc.opioidscommunications-opioides.sc@canada.ca

CRISM environmental scan: Naloxone distribution across Canadian provinces and territories

In response to an epidemic of opioid overdose deaths in Canada, distribution of the opioid antagonist naloxone has been identified as a key emergency measure to effectively prevent rising mortality. As a result, the programs aimed to distribute publicly-funded naloxone kits have been launched across the country.

Between January and May 2019, CRISM developed an environmental scan to consolidate information regarding current practices and programs aimed to distribute naloxone for use in suspected opioid overdose in Canada. The environmental scan process reviewed available grey literature and used interviews with key informants to better understand access and distribution of naloxone across Canadian jurisdictions.

Released in June 2019, the scan finds that over 590,000 publicly-funded naloxone kits have been distributed across more than 8,700 distribution sites in Canada. More than 61,000 kits have been reported used to reverse an overdose. Currently, all provinces and territories maintain publicly funded take-home naloxone programs. While access to naloxone has increased across the country, there remain important barriers to achieving equitable access across communities.

To access the full report, the scan at a glance, and timeline please visit the National [CRISM website](#) or [click here!](#)

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News For the Node?

If you have news for the node please send the information that you would like included in our next issue to barb.fornssler@usask.ca. If something is happening in our region we are happy to share!

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