

# SAFE SUPPLY: RURAL CONSIDERATIONS

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# Social contexts: Goldfish bowl effect



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## The “goldfish bowl”: a qualitative study of the effects of heightened surveillance on people who use drugs in a rural and coastal Canadian setting

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# Geographical contexts

- Fly-in/boat-in communities
- Lack of transportation options
- Proximity to pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, etc.
- ‘Carriers’ issue even more pronounced
- Isolation



# Prescriber contexts

- Scarcity
- Workforce retention
- Lack of training/updated education
- Stuck in their ways (not all)



# Policy context: Hospital settings

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Access to tablet injectable opioid agonist therapy in rural and smaller urban settings in British Columbia, Canada: a qualitative study



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- Dosing interruptions → neg outcomes
- Hydromorphone availability
- Acute care settings less equipped w/ SU services and consult teams
- Improve generalists' training
- Development of guidelines for acute care settings
- 24/7 support line w/ clinicians w/ rural experience

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# Next steps

- Longitudinal research
- Discontinuation
- Technologies to enhance delivery
  - Asynchronous witnessing
  - Drone delivery
  - Telehealth



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