SAFE SUPPLY: RURAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Social contexts: Goldfish bowl effect

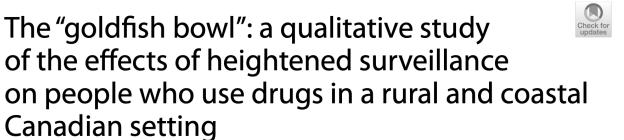


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Geographical contexts

- Fly-in/boat-in communities
- Lack of transportation options
- Proximity to pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, etc.
- 'Carries' 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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- 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





Next steps

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





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