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UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

October 2021 Fall Speaker Series

Open to non-members. Please share with your networks

Speaker: Corey Ranger works with the SAFER team at AVI Health and Community Services in Victoria and is a registered nurse and clinical nurse lead for the Victoria SAFER Initiative—he is also on the board of directors for the HIV Legal Network and cofounder of Westside Harm Reduction.

Safer Supply 101: An Introduction, Orientation and Backgrounder October 14, 2021, 12-1:30 EST
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) (Advanced Registration Required).

November 2021 Fall Speaker Series

Speaker: Corey Ranger

Emotional Harm Reduction November 8, 2021, 1 - 2:30 EST.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) (Advanced Registration Required).

Speaker: Gillian Kolla

London InterCommunity Health Centre SOS Program Evaluation Report Launch. November 25th, 2021. 12 - 1 EST.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) (Advanced Registration Required).

SEPTEMBER MEETING THEMES

Meeting minutes can be found in the meeting notes and resources folder on NSS Google Drive.

September 2nd

- CAPUD Decrim
- Program Successes and Challenges
- Dosing

September 9th

- META:PHI Recommendations
- Wraparound Care
- Drug Potency Testing

September 16th

- Unsafe Fentanyl Use
- Pharmacist's Perspective

September 23rd

- Hot Topic Meeting a presentation on Methadone Treatment for People Who Use Fentanyl: The META:PHI Guideline, from Dr. Jennifer Wyman.

FEATURED RESOURCES

- [MethadoneForFentanyl.pdf \(metaphi.ca\)](#)
- [Harm-Reduction-Satellite-Program-Guide.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [Harm Reduction at Work_Balian and White.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [NSSCoP funding workshop and resource google drive folder](#)
- <https://www.drugpolicy.ca/resources/evidence/>
- "It's Helped Me a Lot, Just Like to Stay Alive": a Qualitative Analysis of Outcomes of a Novel Hydromorphone Tablet Distribution Program in Vancouver, Canada
- 'Peer' work as precarious_ A qualitative study of work conditions and experiences of people who use drugs engaged in harm reduction work (uphns-hub.ca)
- Needle exchange fentanyl patch policy



Upcoming Events in the Safer Supply Community:

BC ECHO on Substance Use – Special session: Training on operational iOAT guidance. When: October 26, 2021 @ 9am. [Register here](#)

RESEARCH

We encourage CoP members to email safersupplyon@gmail.com with submissions to include in our newsletter. Content examples can include but is not limited to community led projects, peer reviewed articles, grey literature, government publications, etc.

- Ling, 2016. *A Perspective on Opioid Pharmacotherapy: Where We Are and How We Got Here* Springer Science+Business Media New York
- Giacomazzo et. al, 2021. The drug toxicity and overdose crisis in Canada: a snapshot of what the current data tells us. CATIE
- Portenoy et al., 2010. Part 1 Breakthrough Pain Part 1: Prevalence and Characteristics. *Journal of Opioid Management*
- Bonn et. al, 2020. Securing safe supply during COVID-19 and beyond: Scoping review and knowledge mobilization. Canadian Institute of Health Research

NEWS

- Dangerous benzo-dope replacing fentanyl on the streets <https://datac.ca/dangerous-benzo-dope-replacing-fentanyl-on-the-streets/>
- The impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Opioid-Related Harm in Ontario <https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/sciencebrief/the-impact-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-on-opioid-related-harm-in-ontario/>
- With rising overdoses, British Columbia expands experimental prescription initiative <https://www.pri.org/stories/2021-09-10/rising-overdoses-british-columbia-expands-experimental-prescription-initiative>
- “We’re all living in this fear”: Experts, advocates convene to talk safe supply, overdose crisis in Ottawa <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/election-2021/were-all-living-in-this-fear-experts-advocates-convene-to-talk-safe-supply-overdose-crisis-in-ottawa>
- Sydney overdose prevention site could include machine that dispenses safe supplies of opioids <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/sydney-overdose-site-drug-vending-machine-1.6191261>
- Drug decriminalization movement gaining momentum in Canada as overdose deaths surge <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/drug-decriminalization-camh-1.6192785>

- Retired police officers calls for safe opioid drug supply for users
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/vern-white-safe-opioid-supply-needed-1.6196750>
- In North American first, Vancouver clinic lets patients take heroin home
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-patients-of-vancouver-clinic-allowed-to-take-home-prescription-heroin-in/>
- Cocaine, heroin and meth buyers' club gets Vancouver's approval to secure a safe supply
<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/cocaine-heroin-and-meth-buyers-club-seeking-vancouvers-approval-to-secure-a-safe-supply>

UPDATES

- The NSSCoP website is LIVE! Visit us at www.nss-aps.ca to register! We urge current members who haven't done so to re-register to the CoP via our website. We are also on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)! Follow us for updates, news and happenings in our Community of Practice!
- The Canadian Substance Use Resource and Knowledge Exchange Centre (SURE) was created to facilitate access to a wide variety of substance use resources. Visit substanceuse.ca (@sure_crus) to find tools and resources geared towards supporting you in implementing a public health approach to substance use in your community.

“We’re all living in this fear”: Experts, advocates convene to talk safe supply, overdose crisis in Ottawa.

OTTAWA CITIZEN

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Share your skills:

We'd like to create opportunities for skills sharing. Let us know if you would like to offer a workshop or present to the membership.

Share your successes:

Share your success stories, your reports, and safer supply resources that you develop with the NSS-CoP membership through:

- Our meetings
- Our newsletter
- Our resource library (currently housed on [Google Drive](#))
- The NSS-CoP [Google Group / listserv](#).

Let us know what you need!

How can we help? Our goal is to support you by assisting in areas around your programs, organizations and communities!