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Past Webinar Event

The NSSCoP on November 25th had a webinar: Expert Panel of People Who Use Drugs: Perspectives on Safer Supply. [CLICK HERE](#) for access to video recordings and resources shared from that webinars.

December 2021 Events

Weekly Drop-In Meetings

Members are welcome to join our weekly meeting drop-in meetings. It is an interdisciplinary group with prescribers, pharmacists, harm reduction workers, policy folks, nurses, people who use drugs etc. Right now, we are meeting on Thursdays at 12 pm EST. [Zoom Link](#)

Upcoming Webinar Events:

**Prescriber Panel: Tensions in Safer Supply
December 16th, 2021. 12pm EST.**

[Webinar Registration Link](#) - Member Only

**Wound Care Session for Physicians.
January 2022. Link TBD**



NOVEMBER MEETING THEMES

Meeting minutes can be found in the meeting notes and resources folder on [NSS Google Drive](#).

November 4th

- RN Stream
- Happenings in Organizations and Programs
- Harm reduction and Safer Supply

November 11th

- Safer Supply workshops
- Tips for advocating for people on waitlists

November 18th

- Happenings in various organizations
- Benzos in the illegal drug supply
- Fair Price Pharma



FEATURED RESOURCES

- [CATIE 2021 - Best practices for harm reduction Canada](#)
- **Decolonizing drug policy:** "This review provides further evidence of the need to reform the current system. It outlines a three-pillared approach to rebuilding drug policy in a way that supports health, dignity and human rights, consisting of: (1) the decriminalization of drugs and their use; (2) an end to the mass incarceration of people who use drugs; (3) the redirection of funding away from ineffective and punitive drug control and toward health and social programs."
<https://harmreductionjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12954-021-00564-7> ([Open Access](#))
- <https://www.cmaj.ca/content/193/45/E1741>
- ["No home to take methadone to": Experiences with addiction services during the COVID-19 pandemic among survivors of opioid overdose in Boston - ScienceDirect](#)



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.

- **Oviedo-Joekes et. al. 2021.** Take home injectable opioids for opioid use disorder during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic is in urgent need: a case study | BMC
- **May et. al. 2020.** Not what the doctor ordered: Motivations for nonmedical prescription drug use among people who use illegal drugs (Science Direct)
- **Meyer et. al. 2021.** Experiences with take-home dosing in heroin-assisted treatment in Switzerland during the COVID-19 pandemic - is an update of legal restrictions warranted? (Science Direct)



NEWS

- <https://globalnews.ca/video/8354927/british-columbians-supports-safe-supply-not-decriminalization>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-hotel-shelter-overdoses-spike-1.6241762>
- <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/11/10/bcs-toxic-drug-crisis-is-getting-worse.html>
- <https://thestarphoenix.com/news/saskatchewan/drug-checking-scanners-coming-to-saskatoon-regina-consumption-sites>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/11/health/opioids-lawsuits-public-nuisance.html>
- <https://ca.news.yahoo.com/overdose-numbers-climb-b-c-071201535.html>
- <https://windspeaker.com/news/windspeaker-news/ontario-first-nations-undertake-new-healing-lodge-and-whole-community>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/cannabis-substitution-program-opioid-addiction-1.6244464>
- <https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/local-news/vancouver-group-launches-petition-for-safe-supply-of-cocaine-heroin-and-meth-video-4759641>
- <https://filtermag.org/ottawa-meth-decriminalization/>
- <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/11/08/1053579556/dea-suboxone-subutex-pharmacies-addiction>
- <https://www.mcgilldaily.com/2021/11/naloxone-saves-lives/>
- <https://thetyee.ca/News/2021/11/02/BC-Starting-Point-Decriminalize-Drug-Possession-Far-To-Go/>

PAPER / TIP OF THE MONTH

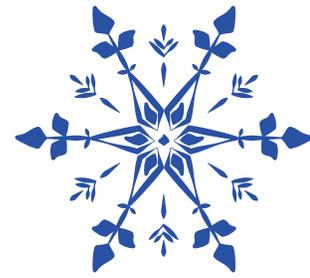
A qualitative examination of substance use service needs among people who use drugs (PWUD) with treatment and service experience in Ontario, Canada

“The present study aimed to elicit in-depth knowledge from PWUD with lived experience of accessing services to better understand their unmet treatment and service needs, towards closing the service and treatment gap in Ontario.”

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-021-12104-w>

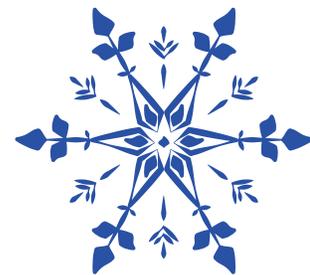
For more information: see Weekly Tip folder on [Google Drive](#)

Have a question that you'd like to ask? Email us: safersupplyon@gmail.com or send a message via [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#).



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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!
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVuCvVuugio>
YouTube | Moms Stop The Harm
Link: Presentation - Drug Users Liberation Front of BC (DULF)
- **Pillar Community Innovation Award: 2021 Community Collaboration Recipient - Health Outreach Mobile Engagement (H.O.M.E.)**



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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!

