FEDERAL APPROACH on Canada’s opioid crisis

AN APPROACH SUPPORTED BY STRONG EVIDENCE
Better identifying trends, targeting interventions, monitoring impacts and supporting evidence-based decisions
- Facilitate timely and comparable data collection and methodologies
- Consult experts and support research and knowledge sharing

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE
ENABLING A COORDINATED PAN-CANADIAN RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

Data, surveillance and research | Public communications | P/T and stakeholder engagement | Surge capacity, mobilization and support

PREVENTION
PREVENTING PROBLEMATIC OPIOID USE
- Implement the Health Portfolio’s Problematic Prescription Drug Use Strategy
- Improve prescribing practices
- Better inform Canadians about the risks of opioids

TREATMENT
SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO TREATMENTS
- Better access for rural and remote First Nations communities
- Improve access to medication-assisted treatments for opioid use disorder
- Improve treatment options for pain management
- Share knowledge on treatments for opioid use disorder
- Increase cooperation between the criminal justice system and social services sector (e.g., Drug Treatment Courts)

HARM REDUCTION
SUPPORTING A RANGE OF TOOLS AND MEASURES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES
- Support the establishment of supervised consumption sites
- Facilitate access to naloxone
- Ensure timely laboratory drug analysis information is shared between partners
- Support legislation to protect individuals who seek emergency assistance for overdose
- Reduce public health consequences of problematic substance use

ENFORCEMENT
ADDRESSING ILLEGAL DRUG PRODUCTION, SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION
- Continue enforcement on the importation, exportation and trafficking of illegal opioids
- Pursue legislative, regulatory, policy and programmatic changes to better control substances and equipment
- Collect, assess and share information with law enforcement agencies domestically and internationally
- Support education and training for law enforcement

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