

FEDERAL APPROACH ON CANADA'S OPIOID CRISIS



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



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