

FEDERAL ACTIONS ON OPIOIDS

As of September 2018

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- Removed regulatory barriers to allow nurses to transport controlled substances
- Supporting the development of a national treatment guideline for injectable opioid agonist treatment
- Funding pilot projects on injectable opioid agonist therapies
- Improving access to treatment services through an Emergency Treatment Fund for provinces and territories
- Allowed the import of medications approved elsewhere for urgent public health needs
- Facilitated methadone prescribing and use of medical heroin
- Increased opioid agonist therapy in federal correctional facilities
- Increased access to, and availability of culturally appropriate treatment for Indigenous communities

access to treatment

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- Providing enhanced funding through the Substance Use and Addiction Program
- Launching a drug checking technology challenge
- Approved more than 25 supervised consumption sites
- Enabled establishment of overdose prevention sites
- Facilitated access to naloxone
- Supported legislation to protect individuals who seek emergency assistance for overdose
- Authorized drug checking services at supervised consumption sites
- Launched pilot project to examine needle exchange programs in federal correctional facilities

access to harm reduction

- Continuing efforts to expand public awareness around stigma
- Pursuing aggressive restrictions on opioid marketing activities and providing new resources to enforce existing rules
- Supported the development of opioid prescribing guidelines and national treatment guidelines for opioid use disorders
- Updated opioid product monographs
- Informing Canadians about the risks of opioids:
 - Know More Campaign awareness tour for high school students across Canada
 - Opioid warning sticker/ patient handout
 - Summer festivals and post-secondary orientation activities and resources

awareness & prevention

- Continued implementation of a national operational strategy aimed at detecting, disrupting and dismantling criminal networks
- Equipped border agents with tools to intercept fentanyl and other dangerous substances at the border
- Working with international partners to reduce the illegal opioid supply
- Supporting education and training for law enforcement

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- Coordinating national data collection and publishing quarterly reports on apparent opioid-related deaths and harms
- Publishing quarterly reports on drugs seized by law enforcement
- Supporting research and knowledge sharing
- Increasing our understanding of Canadians' knowledge of the opioid issue, risks and willingness to act

evidence

Together, We Can #StopOverdoses

In response to this complex crisis, the Government of Canada is taking a comprehensive, collaborative and compassionate public health approach focused on:

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Harm reduction
- Enforcement

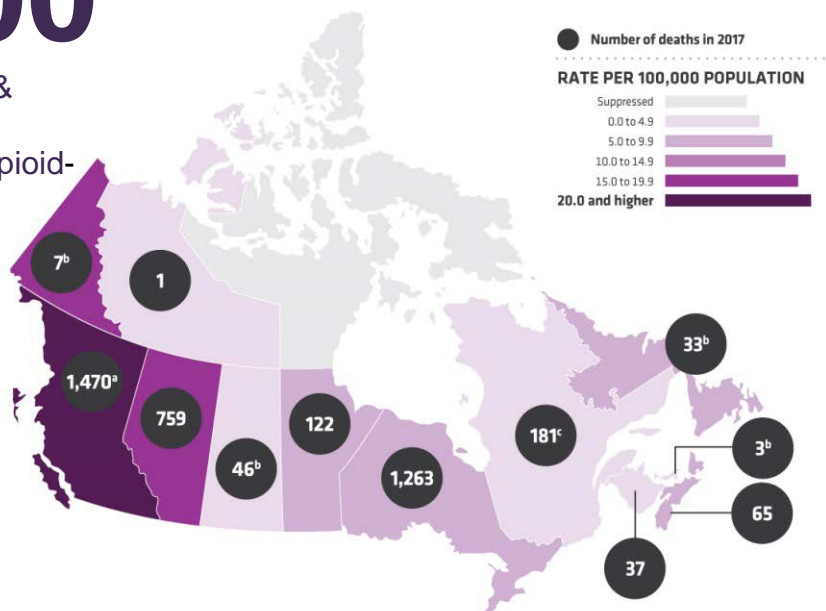
This approach is supported by a strong evidence base.

Going forward, we will continue to address the crisis by:

- working to increase access to treatment;
- supporting innovative approaches;
- improving access to public health data;
- intercepting illegal opioids at the border; and,
- addressing stigma related to opioid use.

~7,000

lives lost in 2016 & 2017
due to apparent opioid-related overdose



a Includes deaths related to all illicit drugs including, but not limited to, opioids.

b Includes deaths with completed investigations only.

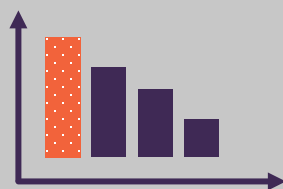
c Includes deaths related to all illicit drugs including, but not limited to, opioids, from July to December only. This number is expected to rise.

34%

increase in the number of opioid-related deaths from 2016 to 2017

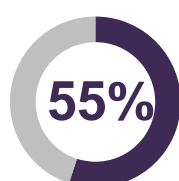
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of apparent opioid-related deaths in 2017 occurred among men

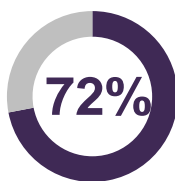


Opioid-related deaths are now the leading cause of mortality among Canadians between ages 30 and 39

2016



2017



Percent of accidental apparent opioid-related deaths involving fentanyl or fentanyl analogues

For full details on data sources and considerations, please visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/national-report-apparent-opioid-related-deaths-released-june-2018.html>



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