

ADDICTION MEDICINE TRAINING & EDUCATION

at the BC Centre on Substance Use

A limited number of health care providers in Canada are trained in Addiction Medicine, making it difficult for patients to access much-needed substance use treatment and to implement effective, evidence-based responses to substance use disorders and related harms. In the context of the current public health emergency declared in response to opioid overdoses, access to treatment is even more urgent.

The BC Centre on Substance Use has developed several educational resources and programs to respond to this training gap.

INTERDISCIPLINARY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Addiction Medicine Fellowship program is a multidisciplinary fellowship that strives for excellence in clinical training, scholarship, research, and advocacy and includes specialty training in inpatient and outpatient addiction management, as well as related concurrent disorders training. It prepares Fellows to work as experts in the field of addiction medicine and take leadership roles in clinical, academic, and/or research settings.

PROVINCIAL OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The new provincial program for the education and care guidance for the treatment of opioid use disorder offers health care providers comprehensive, online, CME-accredited training. Available at no cost, the 8 CME credit course is divided into 24 modules and takes approximately 8 hours to complete. and is paired with an in-person preceptorship. Completion of all course modules is required for those seeking buprenorphine-naloxone training and/or a methadone exemption.

ONLINE ADDICTION MEDICINE DIPLOMA

This free, self-paced, online 16 CME credit course is for health care professionals interested in learning more about providing care to patients with alcohol, tobacco, and opioid substance use disorders. The course is also open for anyone wishing to improve their knowledge of substance use and addiction.

ENHANCED SKILLS

Offered in partnership with the University of British Columbia (UBC) Family Medicine Enhanced Skills Program (Category 2) this is 3-6 month program is for primary care providers currently in practice to improve their knowledge and skills in the area of addiction medicine. The program provides clinical, hands-on learning opportunities across the range of inpatient and outpatient addiction medicine venues. A customized curriculum can be developed to support individual learners needs.

INJECTABLE OPIOID AGONIST TREATMENT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

In-person or customized training sessions on the iOAT guidance document with expert physicians leading the discussion are available. Providers could be compensated to attend these events to encourage engagement in this area of treatment.

Other customized training opportunities: The BCCSU is able to support health care providers that may need a customized (i.e. 1-2 intensive training weeks) program. Previous clinical opportunities include the St. Paul's Hospital Addiction Medicine Consult Team and Rapid Access Addiction Clinic, however, there are additionally opportunities that could be explored across the substance use system of care, including iOAT.

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