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For Health Care Professionals



Opioid Use in Primary Care Virtual Conference - CAMH

There is strong evidence that **Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT)** leads to reduction or cessation of **illicit opioid use** and can allow for patients to achieve sustained long-term remission. Durham Region Health Department is sharing details about **The Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH)**'s **Upcoming Virtual Conference: [Opioid Use in Primary Care](#)**. Designed for anyone involved in the **care and support of people who use opioids**, this one-day event will provide the opportunity to learn about and discuss topics related to opioid use, practices, policies, treatments, and harm reduction.

- **Date: May 26, 2023 (Virtual Conference)**
- **Time: 9am to 4:30pm**
- **Cost: \$100**

This conference has been awarded the following **credits for attendees**:

- College of Family Physicians of Canada Mainpro+ (1 credit/hour) Group Learning: 6.0 credits
- Royal College Maintenance of Certification Section 1: 6.0 hour

Keynote Presentation: Drug Policy in Canada and a Novel Fentanyl Powder Sales Program

Dr. Christy Sutherland is a family doctor and diplomat of the American Board of Addiction Medicine who works in Vancouver's Downtown East Side providing care to Canada's most vulnerable population. Dr. Sutherland is the Medical Director of the PHS Community Services Society where she leads a team of physicians and nurses who are embedded in low barrier, harm reduction projects. She received her MD at Dalhousie University and completed her Family Medicine Residency at UBC in 2010. Dr. Sutherland was recognized as the 2018 British Columbia Family Physician of the Year, as well as the recipient of a City of Vancouver Award for Excellence in 2019.

Additional sessions include:

- **Opioid agonist therapy (OAT) prescribing in Canada: a case of regionalized knowledge sharing?** By Kellia Chiu
- **OAT and pregnancy: An update** by Alice Ordean
- **OAT in the time of fentanyl**. A panel discussion moderated by Nikki Bozinoff
- **Responding to increased drug toxicity**. A panel discussion moderated by Sean Patenaude

Click [here to register](#) or register at <https://www.camh.ca/en/professionals>.

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