

## The Dr. Peter Centre's Intravenous Opioid Agonist Therapy (iOAT) Pilot Project

Funded through Health Canada's Substance Use & Addictions Program (SUAP):

"Overcoming barriers to iOAT: An implementation evaluation of iOAT in an integrated health care facility for health service organizations across Canada"

<p><b>Objective 1</b></p> <p>To implement a low-barrier pilot iOAT project in an integrated health care facility (i.e., the Dr. Peter Centre) for people who use injection drugs (PWUID), and evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of iOAT as part of an integrated health care model, including impact on drug-related harms (e.g. overdose), HIV treatment adherence, and health outcomes.</p>	<p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the reduction and cessation of illicit street drugs among 25 participants by integrating medical and psychosocial services and programs for people who use injection drugs (PWUID) in an interdisciplinary health care setting (i.e., the Dr. Peter Centre)</li> <li>• Equip PWUID with the capacity and supports to inform their decisions and actions related to substance use through individual knowledge building sessions on the benefits of iOAT as compared to illicit drugs.</li> <li>• Contribute to better health outcomes for Canadians by increasing engagement with health care and allied services among PWUID</li> <li>• Explore and evaluate impacts of integrated service environments on iOAT, and share findings in order to scale up this model of care across the country through partnership with external researchers (Dr. McNeil and Dr. Nolan from the BC Centre on Substance Use), who are the Principal Investigators of ongoing studies examining the implementation and scale-up of this treatment approach in Vancouver and British Columbia</li> </ul>
<p><b>Objective 2</b></p> <p>To equip 15-25 health service organizations across Canada with the knowledge and support needed to inform the implementation of iOAT at their organization by providing knowledge exchange resources.</p>	<p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equip health service organizations with the capacity—including knowledge, skills and supports—to inform their implementation of iOAT on the basis of evidence informed information on iOAT</li> <li>• Increase access to iOAT within integrated health service organizations across Canada.</li> </ul>