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# CLINICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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## Executive Summary

On June 5, 2017, the British Columbia Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU) became responsible for the educational and clinical care guidance activities for all health care professionals who prescribe medications to treat opioid use disorder. To date, all of these educational programs have been very well-received, as demonstrated by the following key performance metrics:

- As of August 1, 2018, 2361 clinicians have been reached through 65 **Provincial Opioid Use Disorder Guideline Seminars** across BC.
- Over 11,000 people have registered in the program and 1956 have received their diploma (762 from BC) since the **Online Addiction Medicine Diploma Program** was launched in May 2017.
- Since the free CME-accredited **Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program** was launched in July 2017, there have been 2066 registrants and 183 new authorizations to prescribe OAT have been processed.
- The **Interdisciplinary Addiction Fellowship Program** is training 27 new clinicians that will help to lead the treatment of substance use disorders in their communities upon completion of the program
- A multitude of health care professionals from various disciplines have benefited from each of the above educational programs, including family physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and other allied health care professionals (metrics broken down by discipline are provided later in this report).

## Introduction and Background

The current pharmacological treatment options for opioid use disorder includes opioid agonist treatments such as methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone, slow-release oral morphine, and injectable opioid agonist treatment. However, despite mounting evidence that these treatments are very effective for opioid use disorder, there are numerous challenges to scaling up access to treatment, including the need to rapidly increase the number of providers trained in evidence-based care through interdisciplinary education and training programs.

In the context of the provincial overdose crisis, the provincial government has identified the need to enhance the capacity of primary care providers to support and care for individuals in their practice, including general practitioners and nurse practitioners. In order to support primary care providers with clinical care guidance and educational activities, the BCCSU has developed innovative and flexible training models to better engage clinicians including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, social workers, and allied health professionals. This report highlights the following BCCSU training activities:

- The Provincial Opioid Use Disorder Guideline Seminar Series;
- The Online Addiction Medicine Diploma Program;
- The Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program; and
- The Interdisciplinary Addiction Fellowship Program

Specifically, this report provides detailed performance metric data for each program listed above, qualitative feedback from health care professionals who have completed the programs, and strategies moving forward to further expand and improve the educational programs offered by the BCCSU.

## BCCSU Provincial Opioid Use Disorder Guideline Seminar Series

### Introduction

On February 7, 2017, the BCCSU and the Ministry of Health (MoH) released the [Provincial Guideline for the Clinical Management of Opioid Use Disorder](#). As of June 5, 2017, this guideline is the official provincial reference tool for all health care professionals in BC involved in treating patients with opioid use disorder. To support the implementation of these new clinical guidelines throughout the province, educational sessions were necessary to improve knowledge of evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder among health care providers.

### Purpose

The BCCSU, in partnership with the Divisions of Family Practice and regional health authorities, coordinated a number of in-person training sessions throughout the province to provide an update on the opioid overdose crisis and review the key recommendations from the provincial guidelines. These UBC CME accredited sessions were presented by addiction medicine experts in partnership with the BCCSU. Content was tailored to educate and support primary care providers to incorporate the clinical management of opioid use disorder, including buprenorphine/naloxone, in their existing practice rather than referring out to specialists. The sessions provided opportunities for health care providers to ask an addiction medicine expert their questions and to bring forward clinical cases for discussion, as well as to build local networks to support one another in this important work. The sessions were also a supportive environment to raise anticipated challenges, to raise anticipated challenges and specific concerns with respect to taking on this work, as well as to hear an expert speak to these issues.



### Our Reach Across BC



**2361**  
clinicians



**65**  
seminars



**43**  
locations

Abbotsford  
Ashcroft  
Burnaby  
Campbell River  
Castlegar  
Chilliwack  
Comox  
Coquitlam  
Cranbrook  
Duncan  
Fernie  
Gabriola Island  
Gibsons  
Kamloops  
Kelowna  
Langley  
Lillooet  
Maple Ridge



Nanaimo  
Nelson  
North Vancouver  
Penticton  
Pitt Meadows  
Port Hardy  
Prince George  
Salmon Arm  
Salt Spring Island  
Sechelt  
Smithers  
Squamish  
Surrey  
Tofino  
Vancouver  
Vernon  
Victoria

## Outcomes

While the majority of session attendees were family physicians, a range of interdisciplinary health professionals also attended, including nurses, specialists, pharmacists, and allied health clinicians. As of November 1, 2018, **2,361 clinicians have been reached through 65 seminars**.

| Sessions per Health Authority (n=65) | Attendance by Profession % (n=2361) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Vancouver Coastal Health             | 15                                  |
| Fraser Health                        | 11                                  |
| Interior Health                      | 17                                  |
| Island Health                        | 12                                  |
| Northern Health                      | 4                                   |
| Other (webinars)                     | 6                                   |
| Family Physician                     | 67                                  |
| Specialist                           | 2                                   |
| Nurse Practitioner                   | 5                                   |
| Nursing (RN, LPN, RPN)               | 14                                  |
| Other                                | 12                                  |

| Locations       |              |                    |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Abbotsford      | Gibsons      | Prince George      |
| Ashcroft        | Kamloops     | Salmon Arm         |
| Burnaby         | Kelowna      | Salt Spring Island |
| Campbell River  | Langley      | Sechelt            |
| Castlegar       | Lillooet     | Smithers           |
| Chilliwack      | Maple Ridge  | Squamish           |
| Comox           | Nanaimo      | Surrey             |
| Coquitlam       | Nelson       | Tofino             |
| Cranbrook       | North Van-   | Vancouver          |
| Duncan          | couver       | Vernon             |
| Fernie          | Penticton    | Victoria           |
| Gabriola Island | Pitt Meadows |                    |
|                 | Port Hardy   |                    |

In addition to the in-person seminars offered to disseminate the guidelines and increase uptake, the BCCSU has developed a webinar to support and educate clinicians who were unable to attend in-person sessions held in their area. This two-part webinar is presented by Dr. Keith Ahamad and Dr. Kit Fairgrieve and can be found on the BCCSU website at [www.bccsu.ca/webinars/](http://www.bccsu.ca/webinars/). The BCCSU will continue to provide seminars requested by clinical groups throughout BC. Since the release of these webinars on the BCCSU website, they have accumulated a combined **1,687 views**.

**1,687**

Additional webinars have also been added to the BCCSU website this quarter to introduce the [new injectable opioid agonist treatment guidelines](#) and to help support clinicians who have unable to attend in-person iOAT sessions. This three-part webinar is presented by Dr. Nadia Fairbairn and Dr. Scott MacDonald and can be found on the BCCSU website at [www.bccsu.ca/webinars/](http://www.bccsu.ca/webinars/). Since the release of these webinars on the BCCSU website, they have accumulated a combined **338 views**.

**338**

## Feedback



“Family docs can prescribe Suboxone!”

– GP, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

“Keep giving this talk – you are inspiring better practice amongst our colleagues.”

– GP, Nova Scotia

“For next time, I think I would like more time on inductions and Q&A and less on the statistics.”

– Pain Specialist,  
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

“As a result of this session, I plan to be better with treating withdrawal and advocating for suboxone inductions.”

– Resident, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

“Prescribing buprenorphine/naloxone is not hard and it has many positive benefits.”

– GP, Nova Scotia

“The key pearls I learned from this session were about micro dosing buprenorphine/naloxone and the relative binding affinities of opioids.”

– RN, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

## Next Steps

With the release of the BCCSU’s [\*Guidance for Injectable Opioid Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder\*](#), developing and coordinating education and training opportunities for health care providers who wish to offer this treatment in their practice has become a priority for the BCCSU. The BCCSU will work in close partnership with the regional health authorities to provide educational and training support on the full continuum of care for opioid use disorder, which includes iOAT, through in-person seminars and workshops.

## Online Addiction Medicine Diploma Program (Online Diploma Program)

### Introduction

Education and training for health care professionals on the treatment of substance use disorders represents a significant unmet need in British Columbia and across Canada. This course guides participants through seventeen modules related to addiction medicine and is meant to help close the gap between scientific evidence and current clinical practice. The BCCSU aims to help address the current lack of support for patients with substance use disorders by providing the education and tools required to implement change within clinical practice. This program was supported by an [investment](#) from the Province of British Columbia and the Ministry of Health.

### Purpose

The Online Addiction Medicine Diploma is a free online certificate course targeted at health care professionals interested in learning more about providing care to patients with alcohol, tobacco, opioid, and other substance use disorders. This course provides a broad overview of addiction medicine by reviewing a variety of substance use disorders and is open to anyone who is interested. Each module is informed by theoretical and academic context, with case discussions and exam questions supporting learning objectives. Clinical cases directly applicable to medical practice provide real-world examples to learn from and the opportunity to apply knowledge gained from the course. While the target audience of the program is physicians, the modules are designed to be accessible to allied health care providers.

Chapter 2 : Screening, diagnosis, brief intervention and referral to treatment for substance use disorders

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(48 minutes)

### DSM-5 Criteria

A maladaptive pattern of substance use leading to clinically significant impairment or distress, as manifested by 2 or more of the 11 diagnostic criteria over a 12 month period:

**Impaired Control:**

1. Using more or using for a longer period than was intended
2. Persistent desire or unsuccessful effort to cut down or control substance use
3. A great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain, use, or recover from the effects of the substance
4. Cravings, or a strong desire or urge to use substances

**Social Impairment:**

5. Recurrent substance use resulting in a failure to fulfill major role obligations at work, school or home
6. Continued substance use despite having persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems caused or exacerbated by the effects of the substance
7. Important social, occupational or recreational activities are given up or reduced because of substance use

American Psychiatric Association, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, DSM-5, Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Association, 2013.

Online Addiction Medicine Diploma Program



## Registration

Since the course launched in May 2017, a total of **11,675 people** are registered in the program as of November 14, 2018.

### All Registrants by Profession (n=11675)

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Family Physician             | 8% |
| Specialist                   | 6  |
| Resident/Student             | 8  |
| Registered Nurse             | 20 |
| Licensed Practical Nurse     | 6  |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurse | 4  |
| Pharmacist                   | 4  |
| Nurse Practitioner           | 3  |
| Counsellor                   | 7  |
| Social Worker                | 6  |
| Other                        | 28 |

# 11,675

**48% from BC**  
**15% from Alberta**  
**9% from Saskatchewan**  
**16% from Ontario**  
**12% from Elsewhere**

### BC Registrants by Profession\*

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Family Physician             | 7% |
| Specialist                   | 5  |
| Resident/Student             | 13 |
| Registered Nurse             | 20 |
| Licensed Practical Nurse     | 2  |
| Registered Psychiatric Nurse | 4  |
| Pharmacist                   | 3  |
| Nurse Practitioner           | 2  |
| Counsellor                   | 7  |
| Social Worker                | 5  |
| Other                        | 32 |

*\* At this time, we are unable to collect regional registration information due to privacy restrictions*

## Outcomes

**1,956 people (762 from BC)** have completed the entire course and have received their Diploma.

# 1,956

## Feedback



“I know I need to be better with screening my patients for substance use disorders and I will act on this as a result of taking this course.”

– GP

“Will take time to apply this clinically and build this into the practice, but clinical application is the next step to consolidate the knowledge!”

– *Emergency Medicine Specialist*

“Because of this course, I am going to be improving my continuing care plans and offering more support and options for withdrawal symptoms”

– *Psychiatrist*

“I am very happy that I was allowed to participate in this education course. I feel that I am better equipped to be an ally in the field of addiction/ SUD. Thanks so much to those that put in the time to create this content and to the experts who gave the presentations. I thought it was a very high-quality program.”

– *Occupational Therapist*

“I am not a physician so this was an interesting course to take in terms of learning about prescribed medications and interactions.”

– *Addiction Team Leader*

“Typically, my clients are in the pre-completive stages so the teachings around motivational interviewing are imperative.”

– *Outreach Worker*

“I now know how to prescribe suboxone, how it works and when to use it. I will be requesting for this to be included in my scope of practice. I will also encourage patients to quit smoking at the same time as we work on other addictions.”

– *Oncologist*

“The key pearls I learned were regarding alcohol and smoking detox strategies, which will be most useful to me in clinical practice.”

– *Resident*

“Utilizing suboxone and being aware of the drug interactions and precautions with pregnant females.”

– *Nursing Student*

## Next Steps

In addition to the prescriber-focused content, the BCCSU will be adding nursing-specific modules in late 2018. The current course format of the Online Diploma Program delivers addiction medicine content through lecture-style videos paired with printable PDFs and knowledge testing questions. While this style of learning may be engaging for some learners, it presents a number of practical challenges to keeping the course up to date. The BCCSU will be transitioning from the current program format (lecture-style videos paired with printable PDFs) to a new, more flexible and interactive learning platform. The new learning platform will better accommodate addition of new course content, including the nursing modules and other topics of interest in the future. As part of this process, each of the modules in the existing Online Diploma Program will be reviewed and updated. An important advantage of the new learning platform is the ability to develop a more robust registration and evaluation system. With this launch, we will also be updating the program to reflect a certificate status rather than diploma and the new program name will be the **Addiction Care and Treatment Online Certificate**.

## Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program (POATSP)

### *Introduction*

In June 2017, the BCCSU became responsible for the clinical care guidance and education and training pathways for prescribers of opioid use disorder treatment in BC. In the midst of a provincial overdose crisis, British Columbia made concerted efforts to address gaps in the provision of evidence-based treatment options and care for individuals with opioid use disorder, including the development of provincial guidelines ([BCCSU/MoH Guidelines for the Clinical Management of Opioid Use Disorder](#)) and the creation of an aligned training program, the Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support Program (POATSP). This comprehensive training program includes education and training on prescribing OAT, including buprenorphine/naloxone, methadone, slow-release oral morphine, and injectable opioid agonist treatments (hydromorphone and diacetylmorphine). As of February 14, 2018, nurse practitioners in British Columbia can also prescribe the full range of opioid agonist treatments (please see the [CRNBC website](#) for more information).



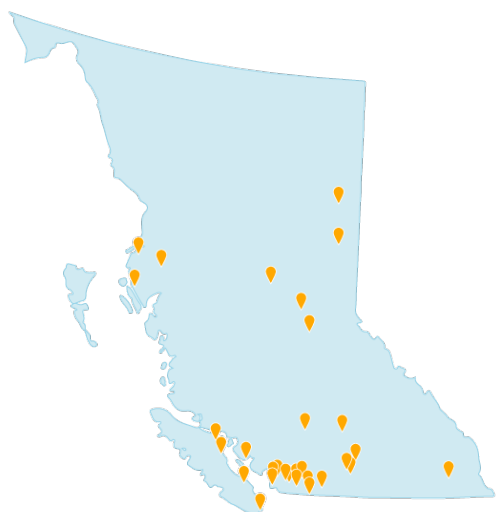
### *Purpose*

The target audience for the program is opioid agonist treatment prescribers, including both physicians and nurse practitioners; however, all health care providers (e.g., nurses, pharmacists, social workers, counsellors) can benefit from the online education modules. The full course is divided into 25 modules and takes approximately 8-10 hours to complete. For physicians and nurse practitioners interested in prescribing OAT, the BCCSU also provides a workbook with clinical cases to practice prescribing and application of clinical judgement. The workbook helps to solidify some of the key points in the online course and ensures the learner has a good foundation before an in-person preceptorship. The BCCSU mandates the completion of a preceptorship of at least two half-day sessions before prescribing oral OAT for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

## Registration

Since the program officially launched on July 10, 2017, the following are registration numbers for the POATSP effective October 9, 2018:

| Registrants by Profession (n=2066, 1666 from BC)  |     | Registrants by Health Authority |    |
|---|-----|---------------------------------|----|
| Family Physician  | 24% | First Nations Health            | 6% |
| Specialist  | 6   | Fraser Health                   | 12 |
| Registered Nurse  | 15  | Interior Health                 | 12 |
| Pharmacist  | 16  | Island Health                   | 10 |
| Nurse Practitioner  | 9   | Northern Health                 | 5  |
| Other Allied Health   | 6   | Providence Health Care          | 5  |
| Other   | 24  | Provincial Health Services      | 4  |
| <i>Responses for Other: FP Resident, LPN, Resident, Medical Student, Student Nurse, MOA, Pharmacy Tech, Reg Psychiatric Nurse, Support/Social Worker, Addiction Counsellor, Addiction Medicine Fellow, Reg Pharm Tech</i> |     | Vancouver Coastal Health        | 15 |
|   |     | N/A                             | 31 |

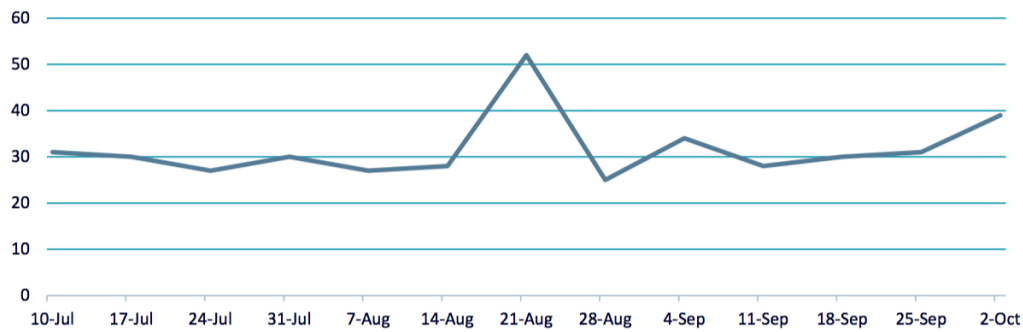


The vast majority of registrants in the POATSP currently reside in British Columbia (**81% from BC** and 19% out of province), but as the BCCSU continues to collaborate with other provinces on clinical education for opioid use disorder, we expect to see a rise in out-of-province registrants.

An advantage of the new platform is that learners can now register and complete the entire course online, removing access barriers especially for those in rural and remote areas. Prior to July 2017, the provincial program offered upwards of 4 in-person training sessions per year. On average, registration in the in-person sessions was approximately 140 registrants per year. In one year, the new online learning platform has increased registration by 1,090%.

**1,090%**

**New Registrants by Week**



## Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment Completion

The iOAT training module, released by the BCCSU in December 2017, is tailored for experienced oral OAT prescribers who wish to prescribe this higher-intensity treatment to their patients. This iOAT module can be completed on its own or incorporated as part of the online training for new OAT prescribers. All clinicians who wish to prescribe iOAT for opioid use disorder will need to complete a Collaborative Prescribing Agreement (CPA) that will be jointly signed by the BCCSU and prescriber and subsequently sent to the Ministry of Health for activation in PharmaNet. The CPA is provided upon completion at minimum, 1 half-day preceptorship. The below table represents the health care providers in each health authority who have completed the online education requirements to prescribe injectable opioid agonist treatments this quarter.

### Provincial Opioid Addiction Treatment Support

Table 1: Health Authority and Profession of Learners Based in BC

Data from July 10 - October 9, 2018

|                                      | Total<br>(182) | Family<br>Physician<br>(39) | Nurse<br>Practitioner<br>(17) | Other<br>(17) | Other<br>Allied<br>Health<br>(8) | Pharmacist<br>(16) | Registered<br>Nurse<br>(33) | Resident<br>(37) | Specialist<br>(15) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| First Nations Health Authority       | 15             | 1                           | 0                             | 0             | 0                                | 0                  | 14                          | 0                | 0                  |
| Fraser Health                        | 23             | 5                           | 2                             | 3             | 1                                | 1                  | 0                           | 8                | 3                  |
| Interior Health                      | 16             | 1                           | 5                             | 1             | 0                                | 2                  | 3                           | 4                | 0                  |
| Island Health                        | 19             | 8                           | 0                             | 0             | 1                                | 1                  | 2                           | 6                | 1                  |
| Northern Health                      | 9              | 1                           | 1                             | 1             | 0                                | 1                  | 2                           | 3                | 0                  |
| Providence Health Care               | 12             | 1                           | 1                             | 2             | 0                                | 1                  | 0                           | 4                | 3                  |
| Provincial Health Services Authority | 7              | 1                           | 1                             | 1             | 0                                | 2                  | 0                           | 1                | 1                  |
| Vancouver Coastal Health             | 35             | 10                          | 4                             | 2             | 3                                | 1                  | 3                           | 7                | 5                  |
| Not Applicable                       | 42             | 10                          | 2                             | 5             | 3                                | 7                  | 9                           | 4                | 2                  |
| Blank                                | 4              | 1                           | 1                             | 2             | 0                                | 0                  | 0                           | 0                | 0                  |

Note: 16 healthcare providers work in multiple Health Authorities and are represented multiple times in this table

#### Total number of healthcare providers without duplicates:

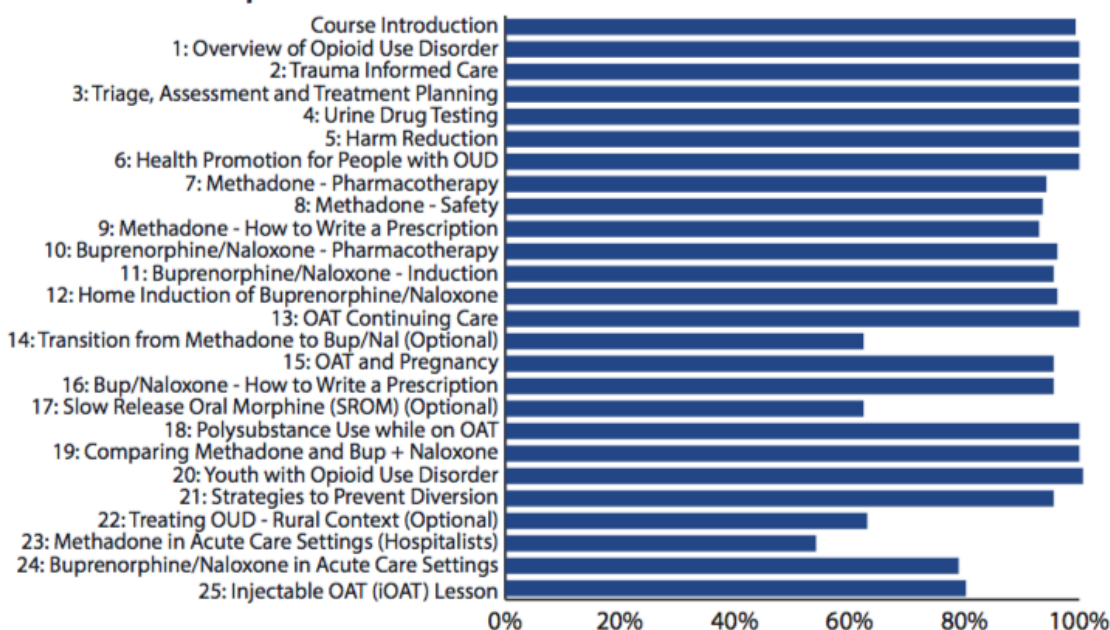
Total # of Physicians\* 44  
Total # of Nurse Practitioners 17  
Total # of Prescribers 61

\*Physicians = Physicians + Specialists

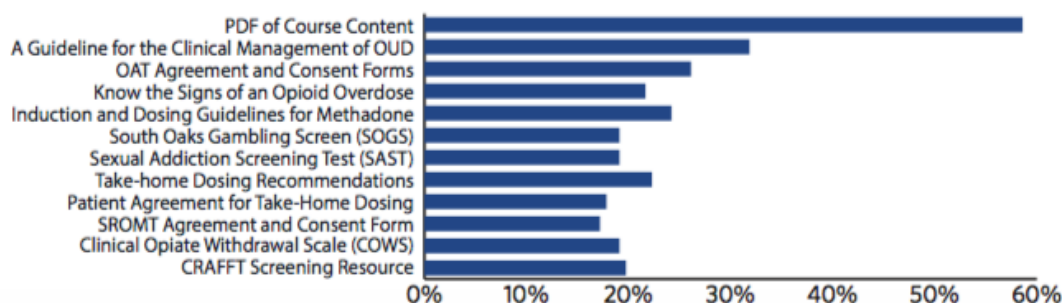
Since the program launched in December, **172 prescribers** have completed the iOAT online modules. Further to this, **21 physicians and 2 nurse practitioners** have fully completed the iOAT training program and can prescribe this treatment option.

One of the strengths of the POATSP is the flexibility with course progression and module selection. Learners may take individual modules in any order they choose and explore other content that may not have been part of the stream they originally selected. The below images provide graphical representation of the completed modules for those who finished the course (in any stream) as well as the percentage of registrants who downloaded supplemental resources. From this data, we can see that approximately 10% of registrants who completed the program, chose to complete the **buprenorphine/naloxone only components**.

### Module Completion (n=157)



### Resources Downloaded (n=157)



## Feedback



“I liked the case studies a lot, showing how to apply the theory to practice. Overall, a terrific course and I’m amazed at how much I learned!”

“This course was an excellent foundation to prepare me for a preceptorship.”

“Overall an excellent course – I hope something similar can be available in other provinces in the future!”

“I think this needs more indigenous content and an acknowledgement of unceded territories. Would love to see elders review this content for cultural safety, inclusion, experience, and tone.”

“Great course. Every health care professional should complete it.”

“I wish I had known about this course sooner. I am an RN so this had great background information even though I will not need to do inductions or prescribe. This provides useful information for offering better patient care.”

“This is a heartbreaking, eye-opening course. I would like to help. Thank you to all those who put in so much time and effort. This course is a labour of love and speaks to passion, compassion, and commitment.”

## Program Completion

Completing this course is the first step in the authorization to prescribe opioid agonist treatments in British Columbia. The development of the POATSP online education platform helped modernize the training and exemption process for methadone, and, more broadly, has provided comprehensive and accessible education on the full continuum of care available for the treatment of opioid use disorder to health care providers across the province. The Health Canada requirement for practitioners to obtain an exemption under subsection 56(1) of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA)* to prescribe and administer methadone no longer exists as of May 19, 2018; however, the education and training requirements for British Columbia remains the same. A clinical preceptorship is arranged as part of the program and is an opportunity for prescribers to build a mentoring relationship with an experienced provider.

Since the program launched on July 10, 2017, the BCCSU has granted **183 new authorizations to prescribe OAT** to physicians (as of November 1, 2018). While the BCCSU has surpassed historical numbers processed per year, there is still work to be done to increase the number of clinicians who have completed this program in underserved areas of the province.

### New Authorizations

# 183

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Vancouver Coastal Health</b> | <b>85</b> |
| <b>Island Health</b>            | <b>30</b> |
| <b>Fraser Health</b>            | <b>36</b> |
| <b>Interior Health</b>          | <b>22</b> |
| <b>Northern Health</b>          | <b>10</b> |

## Nurse Practitioners

On June 16, 2017, the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) approved new [Nurse Practitioner Standards, Limits and Conditions](#) that set out the requirements for both induction (initiation) and continuation/maintenance prescribing of opioid agonist treatment for opioid use disorder. With the standards, limits and conditions now fully in effect, nurse practitioners may now complete the POATSP educational requirements to prescribe these medications.

Upon successful completion of the course and preceptorship, a signed proof of completion letter is sent to the respective nurse practitioner which indicates that they can engage with CRNBC to order their prescription pads. Since the program launched July 10, 2017, **8 nurse practitioners** have completed the buprenorphine/naloxone training and **41 nurse practitioners** have completed all of the educational requirements to prescribe methadone and buprenorphine/naloxone.

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## Preceptors

The goal of the BCCSU preceptorship program is to support new oral OAT and iOAT prescribers in the understanding and practical application of the Provincial [Guideline for the Clinical Management of Opioid Use Disorder](#) and the [Guidance for Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder](#) in a supervised clinical setting. The clinical preceptorship is required in order to obtain a methadone exemption, to obtain prescribing privileges for injectable opioid agonist treatment, and for buprenorphine/naloxone prescribing for nurse practitioners.

There are currently **82 preceptors** as part of the BCCSU POATSP program, who are widely located throughout the province. Within this preceptor team, there are also **8 prescribers** who can provide iOAT preceptorships.

### Preceptors per Health Authority (n=82)

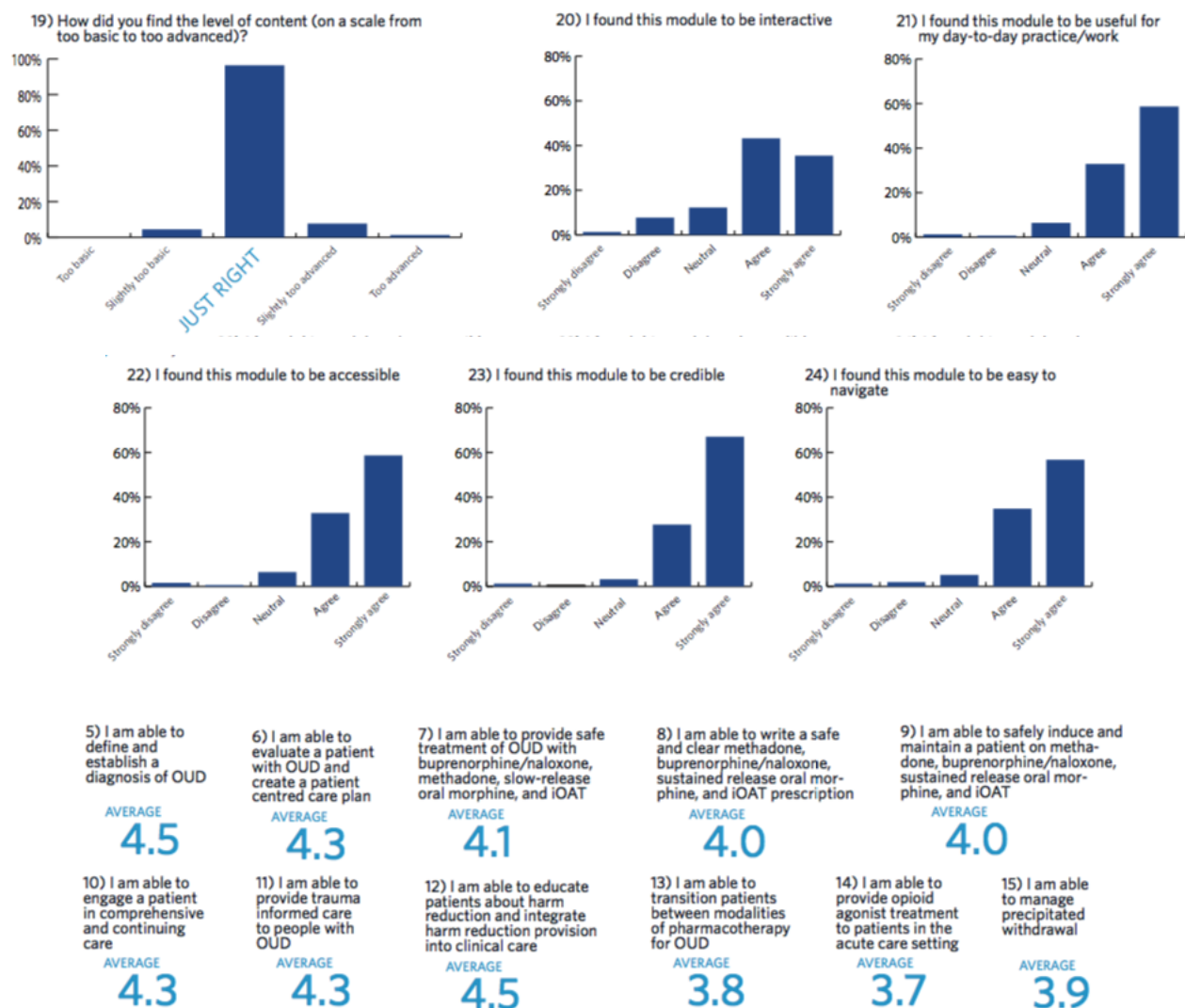
|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Vancouver Coastal | 35 |
| Fraser            | 18 |
| Interior          | 15 |
| Island            | 1  |
| Northern          | 3  |

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## Evaluation Summary

Of the 2,066 people who have registered for the course, 695 people have completed the course and filled out an evaluation form. The following is a summary of the data collected from the evaluation for registrants who completed the course in the past 3 months:



## Next Steps

As the POATSP program is new, we will continue to refine the program content based on feedback to continuously improve the experience of the learner. For example, in response to user feedback, we will be incorporating interactive features to better support active learning and developing additional practice tools that will support the transfer of knowledge into practice. Additionally, in collaboration with BCCSU researchers, we plan to publish the preliminary evaluation data.

## Interdisciplinary Addiction Fellowship Program

### Introduction

The Interdisciplinary Clinical Addiction Fellowship Program is an academic and clinically focused program that provides specialty training in inpatient and outpatient addiction management to health care providers. There are 4 clinical streams available: medicine, nursing, nurse practitioner, and social work. In addition, the BCCSU is currently piloting a pharmacy fellowship in the 2018/9 cohort year. Fellows gain knowledge and expertise in the management of addictions in a variety of settings and across a number of populations with unique needs, such as youth and pregnant women. Upon completion, Fellows are prepared to work as experts in the field of addiction medicine and take leadership roles in clinical, academic, and/or research settings. The BCCSU also hosts the International Collaborative Addiction Medicine Research Fellowship (ICAMRF) which trains interdisciplinary Clinician-Scientists to develop the skills required for careers in addiction research.

### Current Fellows

The 2018/2019 Interdisciplinary Addiction Fellow cohort is the largest to date, bringing together 28 diverse Fellows from a variety of health authorities in BC as well as from across Canada.

#### Addiction Medicine (13)

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Dr. Anne Sutherland   | OOP  |
| Dr. Jessica Hann      | OOP  |
| Dr. Basia Hamata      | VCH  |
| Dr. Elizabeth Plant   | VIHA |
| Dr. Sukhpreet Klaire  | OOP  |
| Dr. Rebecca Coish     | OOP  |
| Dr. Catherine Gray    | OOP  |
| Dr. Renee Janssen     | VCH  |
| Dr. Kate Colizza      | OOP  |
| Dr. Samantha Young    | VCH  |
| Dr. Danny Lee         | VCH  |
| Dr. Jay Wang          | VCH  |
| Dr. Marlon Danilewitz | VCH  |

#### Addiction Social Work (5)

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| Kaye Robinson    | PHC  |
| Jack Makolewski  | FHA  |
| Nathaniel Uhlman | VIHA |
| Demian Young     | PHC  |
| Melissa White    | IHA  |

#### Addiction Research (4)

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| Dr. Paxton Bach    | OOP |
| Dr. Sarah Ickowicz | VCH |
| Dr. Valerie Giang  | VCH |
| Dr. Kate Colizza   | OOP |

#### Addiction Nurse Practitioner (2)

|               |      |
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| Shauna Archer | PHSA |
| Claire Wilson | IHA  |

#### Addiction Nursing (3)

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| Susan Wright  | VCH  |
| Jennifer Funo | PHC  |
| Kevin Lorenz  | PHSA |

#### Addiction Pharmacy (1)

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| George Budd | VCH |
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## What's New Lectures

Noon Round lectures titled “What’s New in Addiction Medicine / Nursing / Social work” have been established at St. Paul’s Hospital, and Fellows are expected to prepare and present one lecture during their fellowship year. These academic lectures are open to hospital staff, trainees, and community members. To stay informed of upcoming lectures, sign up for the BCCSU mailing list at [www.bccsu.ca/stay-in-touch](http://www.bccsu.ca/stay-in-touch).

Lectures already held this year:

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| Tues July 24 | Dr. Sam Young        | Supervised Consumption Sites: What more can be said?   |
| Tues Aug 28  | Dr. Jay Wang         | Psychedelics in the treatment of depression, anxiety, and OCD  |
| Weds Sept 5  | Jack Makolewski (SW) | Building Recovery Capital  |
| Tues Sept 25 | Dr. Sukhpreet Klaire | Revisiting Suboxone: Alternative Induction Techniques  |
| Tues Oct 23  | Dr. Kate Colizza     | An update on “Designer Drugs”: Synthetic Opioids, Cannabinoids, and Cathinones   |
| Weds Oct 31  | Jen Funo (RN)        | The links between adverse childhood events and substance use: Considerations to improve health and social service delivery to people with substance use disorders and their families |

## Next Steps

The BCCSU has recently started live broadcasting the What’s New lectures through a webinar platform in effort to reach more clinicians from around the province. These webinars are also recorded and the BCCSU is working to build a hosting page so that learners can come and view any of the previous lectures held over the year.