

Talking about substance use with healthcare providers in community health clinics

WHAT WE FOUND

48%



of participants shared their drug use with their healthcare providers in a community health clinic (examples: community health centre, hospital outpatient unit, doctor's office, outreach health care)

38%



of Indigenous participants shared their drug use with their healthcare provider in a community health clinic



People who shared their drug use with their health care provider reported receiving worse care than those who didn't share their drug use with their care provider.

Providing stigma-free and culturally safe care must be prioritized in all health care settings.

CONTEXT

- People who use drugs experience stigma due to substance use, creating barriers to culturally-safe care.
- Some people who use drugs do not share their drug use with their healthcare providers (examples: doctors or nurses) to avoid stigma.

ABOUT THIS INFO

VIDUS and ACCESS are ongoing studies of people who use street drugs in Vancouver by the BCCSU.

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