



**National Safer Supply Community of Practice**  
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UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

**October 2021 Fall Speaker Series**

Open to non-members. Please share with your networks

**Speaker: Corey Ranger** works with the SAFER team at AVI Health and Community Services in Victoria and is a registered nurse and clinical nurse lead for the Victoria SAFER Initiative—he is also on the board of directors for the HIV Legal Network and cofounder of Westside Harm Reduction.

**Safer Supply 101: An Introduction, Orientation and Backgrounder** October 14, 2021, 12-1:30 EST  
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) (Advanced Registration Required).

**November 2021 Fall Speaker Series**

**Speaker: Corey Ranger**

Emotional Harm Reduction November 8, 2021, 1 - 2:30 EST.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) (Advanced Registration Required).

**Speaker: Gillian Kolla**

London InterCommunity Health Centre SOS Program Evaluation Report Launch. November 25th, 2021. 12 - 1 EST.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) (Advanced Registration Required).

# SEPTEMBER MEETING THEMES

Meeting minutes can be found in the meeting notes and resources folder on NSS Google Drive.

## September 2nd

- CAPUD Decrim
- Program Successes and Challenges
- Dosing

## September 9th

- META:PHI Recommendations
- Wraparound Care
- Drug Potency Testing

## September 16th

- Unsafe Fentanyl Use
- Pharmacist's Perspective

## September 23rd

- Hot Topic Meeting a presentation on Methadone Treatment for People Who Use Fentanyl: The META:PHI Guideline, from Dr. Jennifer Wyman.

# FEATURED RESOURCES

- [MethadoneForFentanyl.pdf \(metaphi.ca\)](#)
- [Harm-Reduction-Satellite-Program-Guide.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [Harm Reduction at Work\\_Balian and White.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [NSSCoP funding workshop and resource google drive folder](#)
- <https://www.drugpolicy.ca/resources/evidence/>
- "It's Helped Me a Lot, Just Like to Stay Alive": a Qualitative Analysis of Outcomes of a Novel Hydromorphone Tablet Distribution Program in Vancouver, Canada
- 'Peer' work as precarious\_ A qualitative study of work conditions and experiences of people who use drugs engaged in harm reduction work (uphns-hub.ca)
- Needle exchange fentanyl patch policy



## Upcoming Events in the Safer Supply Community:

BC ECHO on Substance Use – Special session: Training on operational iOAT guidance. When: October 26, 2021 @ 9am. [Register here](#)

## RESEARCH

We encourage CoP members to email [safersupplyon@gmail.com](mailto:safersupplyon@gmail.com) with submissions to include in our newsletter. Content examples can include but is not limited to community led projects, peer reviewed articles, grey literature, government publications, etc.

- Ling, 2016. *A Perspective on Opioid Pharmacotherapy: Where We Are and How We Got Here* Springer Science+Business Media New York
- Giacomazzo et. al, 2021. *The drug toxicity and overdose crisis in Canada: a snapshot of what the current data tells us.* CATIE
- Portenoy et al., 2010. *Part 1 Breakthrough Pain Part 1: Prevalence and Characteristics.* Journal of Opioid Management
- Bonn et. al, 2020. *Securing safe supply during COVID-19 and beyond: Scoping review and knowledge mobilization.* Canadian Institute of Health Research

## NEWS

- Dangerous benzo-dope replacing fentanyl on the streets <https://data.ca/dangerous-benzo-dope-replacing-fentanyl-on-the-streets/>
- The impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Opioid-Related Harm in Ontario <https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/sciencebrief/the-impact-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-on-opioid-related-harm-in-ontario/>
- With rising overdoses, British Columbia expands experimental prescription initiative <https://www.pri.org/stories/2021-09-10/rising-overdoses-british-columbia-expands-experimental-prescription-initiative>
- “We’re all living in this fear”: Experts, advocates convene to talk safe supply, overdose crisis in Ottawa <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/election-2021/were-all-living-in-this-fear-experts-advocates-convene-to-talk-safe-supply-overdose-crisis-in-ottawa>
- Sydney overdose prevention site could include machine that dispenses safe supplies of opioids <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/sydney-overdose-site-drug-vending-machine-1.6191261>
- Drug decriminalization movement gaining momentum in Canada as overdose deaths surge <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/drug-decriminalization-camh-1.6192785>

- Retired police officers calls for safe opioid drug supply for users  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/vern-white-safe-opioid-supply-needed-1.6196750>
- In North American first, Vancouver clinic lets patients take heroin home  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-patients-of-vancouver-clinic-allowed-to-take-home-prescription-heroin-in/>
- Cocaine, heroin and meth buyers' club gets Vancouver's approval to secure a safe supply  
<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/cocaine-heroin-and-meth-buyers-club-seeking-vancouvers-approval-to-secure-a-safe-supply>

## UPDATES

- The NSSCoP website is LIVE! Visit us at [www.nss-aps.ca](http://www.nss-aps.ca) to register! We urge current members who haven't done so to re-register to the CoP via our website. We are also on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)! Follow us for updates, news and happenings in our Community of Practice!
- The Canadian Substance Use Resource and Knowledge Exchange Centre (SURE) was created to facilitate access to a wide variety of substance use resources. Visit [substanceuse.ca](http://substanceuse.ca) (@sure\_crus) to find tools and resources geared towards supporting you in implementing a public health approach to substance use in your community.

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“We’re all living in this fear”: Experts, advocates convene to talk safe supply, overdose crisis in Ottawa.

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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### Share your skills:

We'd like to create opportunities for skills sharing. Let us know if you would like to offer a workshop or present to the membership.

### Share your successes:

Share your success stories, your reports, and safer supply resources that you develop with the NSS-CoP membership through:

- Our meetings
- Our newsletter
- Our resource library (currently housed on [Google Drive](#))
- The NSS-CoP [Google Group / listserv](#).

### Let us know what you need!

How can we help? Our goal is to support you by assisting in areas around your programs, organizations and communities!