



Ministry of Health Consolidated Analytics Services

Title

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Client

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Program Area

Ministry of Citizens' Services

Question being asked

Records on how many people were on safe supply during this period, by either calendar year or fiscal year. The cost of this program and how many people died from the opioid overdose and any of those who died from an opioid overdose that was part of the safe supply program. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2018 To 12/31/2023)

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Data source PharmaNet

Extract date 2024/03/14

Notes

- 1 BC Clients is extracted from the Dispensing event table in PharmaNet, HealthIdeas, which captures dispenses primarily from community pharmacies in B.C.* Data not included: medication used in hospitals; office-use medication (O-MED); medications dispensed through the BC Cancer Agency, the BC Transplant Society, or the BC Renal Agency; special programs administered by Provincial Health Services Authority (e.g. Expensive Drugs for Rare Disease, Retinal Disease Program). First Nation Health Authority (Plan W) and federally insured patients are included in this table. The dispensing event table does not contain any financial information.

* Some other out-patient health facilities may also be included, such as hospital pharmacies dispensing drugs to out-patients, and clinics performing Transaction Medication Updates.

- 2 Expenditures are extracted from the Claims fact table in PharmaNet, HealthIdeas, which captures claims primarily from community pharmacies in B.C.* Data not included: medication used in hospitals; office-use medication (O-MED); medications dispensed through the BC Cancer Agency, the BC Transplant Society, or the BC Renal Agency; special programs administered by Provincial Health Services Authority (e.g. Expensive Drugs for Rare Disease, Retinal Disease Program). Federally insured patients are not included in this table. The Claims fact table contains dispensing and financial information.

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- 3 The most recent 3 months of data are unstable due to reversals and may be subject to change.

Prescribed Alternative Clients and Expenditures, January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2023

For Opioids, Stimulants and Benzodiazepines

Year	BC Clients	BC Expenditures	PharmaCare Expenditures
2020	2,720	\$1,967,284	\$1,661,724
2021	5,790	\$6,531,758	\$5,553,614
2022	9,046	\$15,681,127	\$13,090,295
2023	9,422	\$20,254,992	\$16,734,683
Total	14,727	\$44,435,161	\$37,040,316

Notes:

BC Clients is the number of distinct clients who received at least one dispense of opioids, stimulants or benzodiazepines primarily at community pharmacies.

BC Expenditure is the total BC cost for prescriber alternatives (opioids, stimulants and benzodiazepines). Plan W claims are excluded.

PharmaCare expenditure is total PharmaCare paid for prescriber alternatives (opioids, stimulants and benzodiazepines). Plan W claims are excluded.