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Responding to the Opioid Overdose Crisis: Findings from a Rapid Review

In response to the epidemic-level opioid-related overdose deaths in British Columbia, a Joint Task Force of senior health and public safety officials along with the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research commissioned an independent review of responses to the opioid crisis across North America and Europe. Using a rapid review methodology we synthesized 41 documents and conducted ten key informant interviews in six weeks in the spring of 2017. Seven key messages emerged from the literature and key informant interviews. These included a need for: 1) comprehensive implementation and evaluation frameworks; 2) adequately structured and resourced support systems; 3) increased access to a broad range of pharmacological treatments; 4) continuity and integration of care; 5) increased and targeted training; 6) real-time indicators and evaluation system; and 7) addressing the social determinants of health. We also will discuss current evaluation priorities and plans.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the complexity of the opioid epidemic, the challenge for interorganizational collaboration, and the opportunities for transformational change
2. To discuss evaluation needs, issues and options

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