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BC's Opioid Overdose Crisis; What Have We Learned? Where Next?

A public health emergency was declared in April 2016 in response to BC's unprecedented increase of illegal drug overdoses and deaths. Despite increased access to: prevention and treatment options, safer environments for drug use and naloxone for community overdose responses, overdose deaths have continued to rise. From 2000 to 2010 overdose deaths were less than 250 per year; in 2017 we are on track for 1,500 largely preventable deaths. The presentation will describe the evolving overdose crisis, the role of fentanyl and the interventions implemented to date. Findings from the overdose data and naloxone programs will be shared and potential next steps discussed.

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