

Overdose Prevention News

January/February 2019



- December 28, 2018 (Vancouver, BC): Pilot Vancouver project to provide tablet hydromorphone as alternative to methadone and suboxone.
 - <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-with-opioid-pill-programs-vancouver-inches-toward-addressing-safe/>
- December 30, 2018 (Toronto, ON): new synthetic opioid found in Toronto and across Canada called U-48800.
 - <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/toronto/article-street-drug-found-in-toronto-linked-to-overdose-deaths-worldwide/>
- Feb 7, 2019 (BC, Canada): B.C.'s provincial health officer calls for a safer opioid supply after almost 1,500 overdose deaths in BC in 2018.
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bonnie-henry-opioid-deaths-1.5009950>
- Feb 12 2019 (Canada): RCMP reviewing their messaging around fentanyl and it's dangers so as initial warnings "created a little bit of a monster"
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-fentanyl-handling-1.5014241>
- Feb 14, 2019 (BC, Canada): Advocacy groups fear federal elections will slow opioid policies.
 - <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/drug-users-advocates-fear-federal-election-may-sideline-safer-opioids-policy-1.4296622>
- Feb 28, 2019 (Red Deer, AB): A look inside Red Deer's overdose prevention site that opened October 1st, 2018.
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/red-deer-overdose-opioid-supervised-consumption-1.5028528>

Links

- Opinion piece titled: "How Fentanyl Hysteria Leads to Harmful and Ineffective Drug Laws"
 - <https://www.thefix.com/how-fentanyl-hysteria-leads-harmful-and-ineffective-drug-laws>
- Opinion piece titled: "Police and Media Keep Spreading the Myth That Merely Touching Fentanyl Can Kill You"
 - <https://gizmodo.com/police-and-media-keep-spreading-the-myth-that-merely-to-1831777253>
- Post titled: "Canada Drug Experts Want Regulated Heroin Supply to Cut Overdoses"
 - <https://www.talkingdrugs.org/canada-drug-experts-want-regulated-heroin-supply-to-cut-overdoses>
- Canadian Association of People who Use Drugs paper on "Safe Supply"
 - <http://capud.ca/concept>

The purple ribbon is an international symbol of Overdose Awareness

