



The Vancouver Injection Drug Users Study

One of the longest running studies following people who inject drugs (PWID) in the world

>2500 PWID enrolled since 1996

Individuals complete a questionnaire,
bloodwork & urine analysis



+ follow-up every
6 months

- Routinely collected data over time
- Data collected specific to new polices & intervention

↳ A key tool for evaluation and identification of service gaps



Has resulted
in **≈500**
peer-reviewed
publications:

- Multidisciplinary research collaboration
- Productive research training
- Strong tradition of working with PWID
- Informing policies and program innovations

VIDUS Key Milestones

1997-

Needle Exchange Program Evaluation

- Informed program expansion and improvements

2009

Community Viral Load Assessment

- Catalyzed the HIV treatment as prevention strategy

2016 -
Toxic Drug
Public Health
Emergency

1996

1997 -
HIV Public
Health
Emergency

2003- Insite Evaluation

Demonstrated:
↑ health outcomes
↑ health service up-
take
↓ needle sharing
↓ public disorder

2016

Overdose Prevention Sites are Sanctioned

Demonstrated:
↑ supervised injection
service use
↑ health benefits

2020-
COVID-19
Pandemic