






Want to learn more about substance use?



The **BC Centre on Substance Use** (bccsu.ca) is a provincially-networked organization that seeks to improve the integration of best practices across the continuum of substance use care in BC through its three core functions: research and evaluation, education and training, and clinical care guidance. The BCCSU creates evidence-based guidelines, practice support tools, and a suite of education and training resources for health care providers and other individuals who provide care and support to people who use substances.

Title	Description	Intended Audience	QR code
BCCSU Addiction Practice Pod bcechoonsubstanceuse.ca Podcast series	Practical tips and guidance to health care providers who are seeking to improve their skills in addiction care. Time: Each podcast is between 35-45 minutes .	Intended for all clinicians aiming to improve their care for those with substance use challenges.	
The BC ECHO on Substance Use bcechoonsubstanceuse.ca Community of practice	Live webinars (presentation by addiction medicine experts, followed by a case presentation and discussion), newsletters, and networking. CME credits available. Time: Each webinar is 60 minutes .	Primary care providers, allied health care providers, and other direct care workers.	
Addiction Care and Treatment Online Certificate (ACTOC) Online course + certificate	21 modules covering various substance use disorders, including alcohol, tobacco, stimulants, cannabis, and opioids. Topics include screening, treatment selection, and care planning. CME credits available. Time: 16-20 hours total (asynchronous).	Intended for all health care professionals involved in the care of individuals with substance use disorders. Anyone can register.	
Provincial Opioid Agonist Treatment Support Program (POATSP) Online course + preceptorship + certificate	In-depth education on prescribing a variety of oral and injectable medications for opioid use disorder. Required for those interested in prescribing opioid agonist treatment. MainPro+/CNA credits available. Time: 8 hours (MD/NP); 12-14 hours (CP-LOUD RN/RPN)	Intended for prescribers but anyone can register.	
Addiction Medicine Clinical & Research Fellowship Fellowship	Specialty training in inpatient and outpatient management of substance use disorders and related harms. The program prepares fellows to work as experts in the field of addiction medicine and substance use care and take leadership roles in clinical, academic, and/or research settings.	Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, social workers, and clinician-scientists interested in developing their skills and expertise in the field of addiction.	

Resources for Clinicians

With the exception of the 24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line, the support lines listed below are not operated by the BCCSU.

BC resources for clinicians

Title	Description	Available to	Hours of Operation	QR code
24/7 Addiction Medicine Clinician Support Line bccsu.ca/24-7	Real-time phone consultation service (778-945-7619) connects health care providers to an addiction medicine specialist.	Physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and midwives in BC, as well as substance use support staff calling from Indigenous communities with BC.	24/7 service.	
Rapid Access to Consultative Expertise (RACE)app+	The RACEapp+ allows primary care providers and specialists to rapidly connect with and receive treatment advice from a specialist.	Physicians, nurse practitioners, medical residents, and midwives.	Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays), 8.00am–5.00pm.	

Evidence-based clinical guidance

Available clinical guidance

The BCCSU's clinical guidance materials are comprehensive reference documents that provide care professionals with practical recommendations and best practices for the management of substance use disorders.

Opioid use disorder
[bccsu.ca/
opioid-use-disorder](https://bccsu.ca/opioid-use-disorder)






Alcohol use disorder
[bccsu.ca/
alcohol-use-disorder](https://bccsu.ca/alcohol-use-disorder)



Stimulant use disorder
[bccsu.ca/
stimulant-use-disorder](https://bccsu.ca/stimulant-use-disorder)



BC resources for people who use substances

Title	Description	Available to	Hours of Operation	QR code
2-1-1	2-1-1 is a free provincial health information and referral phone line available in British Columbia. By calling 2-1-1, individuals can speak to a community resource navigator who can provide information about and referrals to community and government programs, such as the Alcohol and Drug Information and Referral line.	All BC residents, intended for those in need of information related to substance use.	24/7 service.	
Alcohol & Drug Information Referral Service (ADIRS)	The ADIRS is a phone line (1-800-663-1441 OR 604-660-9382) that provides confidential information and referrals for support and/or treatment to individuals with substance use issues.	All residents of British Columbia in need of related support.	24/7 service.	
Drug Checking Services drugcheckingbc.ca	Drug checking services are offered by several health authorities. They provide free and anonymous services to inform individuals about whether their drugs are contaminated.	Anyone who can travel to locations in Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, Fraser Health Authority, or Interior Health Authority.	Varies.	

Learn more about substance use and addiction in BC and Canada



History of Drug Policy in Canada outlines the history of Canadian drug policy and highlights important decisions throughout history that have shaped the drug policy and substance use landscape today. drugpolicy.ca



Toward the Heart provides an extensive list of resources targeted towards overdose prevention and harm reduction, and includes reports, best practice guidelines, toolkits, pamphlets, etc. towardtheheart.com



Socioeconomic Determinants of Health provides an introduction to socioeconomic determinants of health that are relevant to substance use and mental illness. ccsa.ca



In Plain Sight Report outlines the pervasiveness of anti-Indigenous racism within the health care system in BC. Recommendations for addressing racism within health care are provided.



Crackdown Podcast is run by people who use—or used to use—drugs. It covers various subjects about substance use (including drug policy), highlighting the experiences and expertise of people who use drugs. crackdownpod.com



Red Woman Rising emphasizes how the violence against Indigenous women and girls—including physical violence, poverty, lack of affordable housing, the child welfare system, etc.—perpetuates mental illness, substance use, and poverty. Recommendations for eliminating such violence are provided.