

# Observational Provincial Evaluation of iOAT & TiOAT

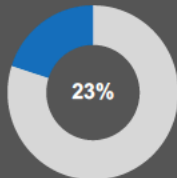
## TiOAT SUMMARY

Between 2018 and 2023, we conducted 600 interviews of adults across BC with a history of injection drug use who were clinically eligible for injectable opioid agonist treatment (iOAT) or tablet-based iOAT (TiOAT). Our goal was to evaluate outcomes related to iOAT/TiOAT. This is what we learned:

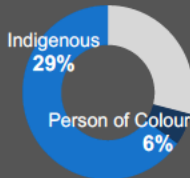
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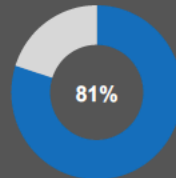
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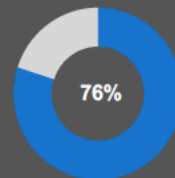
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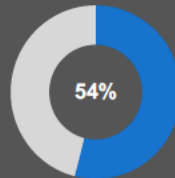
History of overdose




Mental Health Condition







Homeless



### What were TiOAT program strengths?

-  Options for take-home doses
-  Positive relationships, individualized care
-  Social connections
-  Safe, friendly treatment environments
-  Integrated services & referrals

### What are ways to improve TiOAT programs?

-  Stronger doses, faster titration
-  Lower-threshold delivery
-  Facilitating connections with health & social services
-  Longer operating hours

### What are positive impacts of TiOAT?

-  Reductions in drug use
-  Improved health
-  Reduction in precarious income generation
-  Improved social connections
-  Reduced interactions with police
-  Reduce spending on drugs
-  Reduced overdoses

*"They also had the program set up where we could go and do garbage pickup and needle pickup. And we'd be paid cash or gift cards for doing that ... So, it's nice that they provided all these opportunities as well."*

[TiOAT Participant]

*"Some of the staff there, some of them seen me quit before and stay clean for three years so they already know I can do it. They're encouraging and positive and yeah, definitely, it's helpful."*

[TiOAT Participant]

*"I no longer have negative experiences with the police. You know, you're nervous when they come around. And they're there to help, right... We create our own destinies so to speak, so thinking positive and not negative is huge when it comes down to dealing with the police."*

[TiOAT Participant]

*"Yeah. I [am] a lot more positive and determined now more than ever... I'm going to clean up. I'm going to get a job. I'm going to marry this woman. I'm, like I'm going to win. So, I think the program's helped me with that."*

[TiOAT Participant]