

# PROVINCIAL OVERDOSE COHORT

The Provincial Overdose Cohort (**ODC**) is a collection of information on people who had an overdose between January 1st, 2015 and December 31st, 2018 in BC. It was created to ensure people responding to the overdose crisis have up-to-date information on the people at risk of experiencing an overdose.

## Death after emergency department visits for opioid overdose in BC

Most people who visit the emergency department for **opioid overdose**:



Are younger males

AND



Have mental health conditions



**1 in 19 people** died within a year of visiting the emergency department for **opioid overdose**



**Mortality rates** were **higher** among people **discharged** from an overdose-related visit

### Ways to decrease risk of death following overdose-related emergency department visits:

1. Use evidence-based interventions like: **Opioid Agonist Treatment, buprenorphine-naloxone induction, Take-Home Naloxone kits, and low-barrier addictions care.**
2. Improve outpatient referral pathways and clinical interventions to assist people leaving emergency departments after an overdose.
3. Reduce **stigma and other barriers** that result in people leaving against medical advice.



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