



## Manitoba Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (MOOPP)

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### Project Summary:

Fentanyl related deaths have been on the rise in Canada every year since 2009. The largest burden of disease has been seen in Canada's four largest provinces, British Columbia (BC), Alberta (AB), Ontario (ON), and Quebec (QC). BC even had to go so far as to take the unprecedented step of declaring a Public Health Emergency on April 14, 2016 due to dramatic year over year rise in fentanyl related deaths. With AB, ON, and QC also experiencing dramatic rises in fentanyl related deaths year over year since 2009, there is a significant risk that Manitoba (MB) could experience a similar situation. To compound the problem, there is currently no comprehensive surveillance system at Manitoba Health to track fentanyl and other opioid related deaths or other opioid related severe outcomes. Therefore, Manitoba could be experiencing the start of a rise in cases with decision makers being unaware of it. As well, without this surveillance there are significant limitations for programming to address the issue of opioid related deaths and other severe outcomes.

The goal of this project is to improve the prevention, treatment, enforcement and harm reduction efforts with regard to improper opioid use (prescription and illicit) in Manitoba through the establishment of a comprehensive opioid surveillance program.