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Words Matter: The Power of Language

Program At-A-Glance

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Words Matter: The Power of Language

Every system is built on language. The words we use shape how people experience health, care, and belonging long before they ever walk through a door. They influence who feels safe asking for help, who feels excluded, and how care is delivered in everyday practice.

This year's theme, ***Words Matter: The Power of Language***, explores the effects of language in addiction medicine across community practice, acute care, policy, and research.

Message From the Chairs

We are thrilled to invite you to **CSAM-SMCA's 2026 Scientific Conference** in Calgary, Alberta, a place that is special to both of us as we each completed our addiction medicine fellowships here. Alberta is known for the beautiful Rocky Mountains, wide open prairie skies, and clear blue rivers. Despite the dynamic political landscape in this province, the quality of front-line addiction medicine and research practice in AB is amazing and understated. We are pleased to have incredible colleagues of all professions, who practice with integrity in evidence-based ways. It is an honour for us to co-chair this national scientific conference in a province that is so meaningful to us both.

CSAM-SMCA is an organization that provides a space for all those who are involved in addiction medicine nationwide to come together and learn from one another. This year's conference theme, ***Words Matter: The Power of Language***, comes at a relevant time. We are living in a world where, increasingly, truth is distorted, perceptions are prioritized, and words are weaponized. The language we use shapes how we think. As professionals in the field of addiction medicine, it is our responsibility to be intentional about using language accurately and with scientific integrity to uphold the Canadian values of human rights and healthcare for all. This year's conference will challenge each of us to improve our own use of language to care for our patients and to communicate with one another in a good way.



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Thursday, November 19, 2026

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7:00am - 8:30am	Registration & Breakfast	
8:00am - 9:30am	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Welcome	Conference Kick-Off Day 1 - Opening, Elder Welcome, & Dance
9:30am - 10:30am	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Keynote	Keynote Dr. James Makokis
10:30am - 11:00am	Break	
11:00am - 12:00pm	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Symposium	Transforming Acute Care for People who use Substances: Leadership, Culture Change, and Evidence-Informed Hospital Practice Kim Corace, Kristen Morin, Shannon Knowlan, Tali Magboo Cahill, Tara Leary
	ROOM 4 - Herald/Doll Workshop	Clinical Best Practices in Addiction Medicine: A comprehensive handbook on outpatient management of substance use disorders Katie Dunham, Meldon Kahan
11:00am - 11:20am	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Oral Presentation	Bringing acute care to the Downtown Eastside: Providing hospital-level care in a harm reduction setting for people who use drugs | Pamela Bai
	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Oral Presentation	Experiences with Extended-Release Buprenorphine (XR-BUP) Among People Recently Released from Incarceration in Ontario, Canada | Cayley Russell
11:20am - 11:40am	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Oral Presentation	The Next Chapter: Development and Early Results in Novel Post-Discharge Intervention for Substance Use Disorders | Monique Moller
	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Oral Presentation	"A new tool in the toolbox": Final results of a qualitative study of client experiences on slow-release oral morphine in the fentanyl era Pamela Leece

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11:40am - 12:00pm	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Oral Presentation	A Culturally Safe, Microintervention-Based Model for Addiction Care in Organ Transplant Programs Ronn Johnson
	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Oral Presentation	Co-developing informational tools and hosting arts-based workshops with women at risk of contracting syphilis as an approach to knowledge mobilization Suzanne Turner
12:00pm - 1:15pm	Lunch	
1:15pm - 1:45pm	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Oral Presentation	National Guidance to Support Youth Substance Use Health in Pediatric Hospital Settings Karen Leslie, Jacqueline Fortier
1:15pm - 2:30pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Symposium	Medetomidine and emerging clinical challenges: A collaborative response to the changing drug supply in Ontario | Jennifer Wyman
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Workshop	From Hospital to Community: Peer-Led Substance Use Support in Action Marcie Mcilveen, Chad Brotherston, Laura McCoy, Tess Hopkins
	ROOM 4 - Herald/Doll Symposium	Implementation, Expansion, and Closure of a Hospital-Based Supervised Consumption Service: Lessons from the Royal Alexandra Hospital Karine Meador, Kathryn Dong, Sheri Klassen
1:45pm - 2:05pm	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Invited Presentation	Closing the Gap: Why Stigma- and Discrimination-Informed Practice Is Necessary to Bring Trauma-Informed Practice to Life | Shawn Fisk
2:05pm - 2:30pm	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Invited Presentation	Why Substance Use Health Matters Shawn Fisk, Tanisse Epp
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Break	

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2:50pm - 3:00pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864	Movement Break! Amber Kyliuk
3:00pm - 4:00pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Keynote	Keynote - Overcoming: What Lived Experience Teaches Us About Connection and Care Guy Felicella
4:30pm - 7:30pm	Thomsons Kitchen & Bar	Welcome Reception & Crafted Connections Market



Crafted Connections Market

Join us on **November 19** during the Welcome Reception for the **Crafted Connections Market**, a curated artisan marketplace featuring handmade goods from local artisans and small businesses. Browse handcrafted art, jewelry, specialty products and creative gifts while connecting with talented makers and enjoying a relaxed, community-focused evening of networking.

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7:15am - 8:00am	Breakfast	
8:00am - 8:30am	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Welcome	Day 2: Welcome, Program Overview & Bursary Awards Ceremony
8:30am - 9:00am	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Awards	Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Announcement & Address
9:00am - 10:00am	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Keynote	Keynote - So, You Want to Build a Legacy? How lived experience shaped Matthew Perry House | Caitlin Morrison
10:00am - 10:30am	Break	
10:30am - 12:00pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Symposium	When Substance Use and Psychosis Converge: Assessment and Management of Cannabis and Stimulant-Associated Psychotic Disorders | Julius Elefante, Martha Ignaszewski, Tauheed Zaman
	ROOM 4 - Herald/Doll Workshop	Language as power: Decolonization, liberation, and Indigenous knowledge systems | Jordan White, Joyce Leppington
10:30am - 10:50am	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Oral Presentation	Retention in Opioid Agonist Therapy Among People Experiencing Homelessness: A Retrospective Cohort Study in Ontario, Canada | Kristen Morin
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Oral Presentation Late Breaking Abstract	Sex-Associated Differences in Substance Use Disorder Diagnosis Among Young Adults With Substance-Involved Emergency Department Presentations | Hélène Doucet Beaupré
10:50am - 11:10am	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Oral Presentation	Unpacking the evidence for the safe and unsafe prescribing of antidepressants in substance use disorders | Evan Wood
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Oral Presentation	Induction onto Buprenorphine Utilizing Transdermal Patches Over 24-48 Hours: IPPAS Method | Alaa Hawamdeh, James Wong, Jessica Machado, Pouya Azar, Tam To, Victor Li

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11:10am - 11:30am	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Oral Presentation	Variation in opioid toxicology testing among patients hospitalized with opioid toxicity: real-world evidence from the GEMINI database Nils Burgisser
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Oral Presentation	Healthcare Practitioner Perspectives on the Alberta Recovery Model: Early Reflections | Caitlin Stokvis
11:30am - 11:50am	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Oral Presentation	From Gatekeeper to Gateway: Reimagining Prescribing in Addiction Care by Unlocking Access to OAT in Underserved Communities Bryce Koch, Sheila Anderson
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Oral Presentation	Transportation as Harm Reduction: Impacts of Transportation Barriers on Substance Use Disorder Treatment in SK Faith Kolawole
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	
	ROOM 4 - Herald/Doll	Industry Session: Innovations in Clinical Practice: Maximizing Outcomes Across the Care Continuum | Ken Lee, Navneet Singh Khosa
	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123	CSAM-SMCA AGM
1:00pm - 2:00pm	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Symposium	Advancing Measurement-Based Care in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders: Calls to Action for Policy, Practice, and Implementation in Canada Ahmad Mauluddin, Kim Corace, Nakita Sunar, Shannon Remers, Shawn Fisk
1:00pm - 1:20pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Oral Presentation	Framing harm: How dominant narratives influenced the closure of Alberta's busiest supervised consumption site | Morgan Magnuson
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Oral Presentation Late Breaking Abstract	MethID: Outcomes from a Phase-Based Group Psychotherapy Pilot for Methamphetamine Use Disorder among Gay, Bisexual & Other Men Who Have Sex with Men | Timothy Guimond

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1:00pm - 1:20pm	ROOM 4 - Herald/Doll TED Talk	They Tried to Make Me Go to Rehab: A Physician's Reflection on Access, Inequity and Involuntary Treatment Amanda Moore
1:20pm - 1:40pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Oral Presentation	The impacts of drug decriminalization and decriminalization amendment on health services utilization and drug poisonings in British Columbia | Sameer Imtiaz
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Oral Presentation Late Breaking Abstract	Cardiac Surgery Staff Perspectives on the Inpatient Addiction Medicine Consult Service in Management of IVDU-Associated Infective Endocarditis Greg Hirsch, Gabrielle Clark
	ROOM 4 - Herald/Doll Oral Presentation	From Evidence to Excellence: Quality Improvement in Supervised Consumption Sites | Jennifer Jackson
1:40pm - 2:00pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Oral Presentation	Bringing Treatment to Where Addiction Lives: A Therapeutic Community Model for Substance Use Treatment in Correctional Settings Russell Purdy
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Oral Presentation Late Breaking Abstract	Examining Changes in Opioid Agonist Treatment Utilization Across Canada's Federal Correctional System Following the Introduction of Extended-Release B Cayley Russell
	ROOM 4 - Herald/Doll TED Talk	The Promise and Peril of Psychedelic Assisted Therapy in Addiction Treatment Monique Moller
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Break	
2:20pm - 2:30pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864	Movement Break! Amber Kyliuk
2:30pm - 4:00pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Invited Presentation	What Do We Mean by "Treatment"? A Fireside Conversation on Care in Substance Use Health | Caitlin Morrison, Kate Colizza, Kim Corace, Kirsty Muller, Shawn Fisk

Saturday, November 21, 2026

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7:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast	
8:00am - 8:30am	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864	Day 3: Morning Welcome & Conference Housekeeping
8:30am - 9:30am	ROOM 1 - Imperial 123 Workshop	Substance use care on a shoestring: Responding to pediatric substance use health in the acute and tertiary hospital setting | Jennifer dela Paz, Laurie Horricks, Lisette Yorke, Mariano Macias, Tamara Schindeler, Tea Rosic
	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Invited Presentation	Top Canadian Addiction Medicine Research Articles | Ahmed Bayoumi, Sam Young
	ROOM 3 - Imperial 975 Symposium	Emulating population-based target trials to support the clinical management of opioid use disorder Belal Hossain, Bohdan Nosyk, Jeong Eun Min, Momenul Mondol, Ruyu Yan
	ROOM 4 - Herald/Doll Workshop	Rewriting the Decision Loop: Applying Game Theory to Clinical Interventions for Pornography Use and Compulsive Sexual Behavior | Rommel Johnson
9:30am - 10:30am	Stephen Room	Poster Session
10:30am - 11:00am	Break	
10:50am - 11:00am	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864	Movement Break! Amber Kyliuk
11:00am - 12:15pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Keynote	Keynote Dr. Esther Tailfeathers
12:15pm - 12:45pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Closing	Elder Closing Ceremony
12:45pm - 1:00pm	ROOM 2 - Imperial 864 Closing	Closing Remarks

Poster Presentations

Session Title	Speakers
A Prospective Descriptive Study Evaluating the Impact of Clinical Pharmacists on Inpatient Addiction Services Qualitatively Assessed Through Patient-R	Elizabeth Brindle, Wesley Llewelyn-Williams
A Qualitative Study on the Experiences, Barriers, and Understanding of Opioid Agonist Treatment Among Youth with Opioid Use Disorder in Vancouver, BC	Hannah Schneiderman, James Wong
A Scoping Review on Stigma by Association: Advancing the Understanding of Concerned Significant Others Affected by Addictions	Mélissa Côté, Chantal Plourde
An Adaptive High-Sensitivity Triage Model for Decision-Making in Acute Substance Use and Addiction Care	Haisa Osmanli
Association of patient-reported substance use treatment goals with patient initiated discharge: Findings from the Road to Recovery cohort study	Esha Sharika Kaul
Balancing the benefits and risks of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in correctional facilities: A scoping review	Boogyung Seo, Avnit Dhanoa, Maria Vasquez, Sumantra Monty Ghosh, William Rioux
Belief and attitude towards Alberta's mandatory addiction treatment from the perspectives of People who use substances, addiction treatment providers,	Boogyung Seo, Avnit Dhanoa, Dylan Viste, Sumantra Monty Ghosh, William Rioux
Bridge Healing: Access to Transitional Housing from the Emergency Department	Marianne Turgeon, Roycent Tumbare
"Bring Your Voices Forward" A National Incubator on Improving Access to Culturally Appropriate Services for Black People	Nadine Favics, Cassandra Smith
Care Processes, Morbidity, and Mortality Following Acute Myocardial Infarction Among People Who Use Extramedical Opioids in Ontario, 2013–2023	Emmanuel Fortier
Characterization of Transdermal Fentanyl Prescribing for Opioid Use Disorder in an Acute Care Setting	Sahar Moafi, Felicia Yang, Tamara Mihic
Characterizing 2SLGBTQ+ Populations with Substance Use Disorders Accessing Withdrawal Management Services in the Road to Recovery Cohort	Jihun Huh
Context matters: Workplace and policing settings shape stigma, stereotypes, and repercussions across a spectrum of substance use health	Tanisse Epp

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Session Title	Speakers
Coping Motives and Daily Negative Mood as Predictors of Cannabis-Related Consequences in Emerging Adults: A Daily Diary Study	Danielle Kofler, Bella Chang, Joanna Sie
Direct-to-Injection Extended-Release Buprenorphine in Street-Entrenched Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder: A Mobile Van Outreach Case Series in Vic	Marion Selfridge
Does Chief Complaint Influence Buprenorphine Prescribing in the Emergency Department?	Jacob Riches
Early Uptake of a Supervised Inhalation Service: Evidence of Community Needs and Implications for Service Expansion and Innovation for Harm Reduction	Natalie Etemesi
Effectiveness and safety of opioid substitution and antagonist therapies for opioid use disorder: A systematic review and network meta-analysis	Myanca Rodrigues
Elders Forum: POETIC Network; Perinatal Opioid Exposures, Trajectories, Insights and Concentrations	Charissa Patricelli, Karly Stewart, Roberta Price
Embedding Lived Experience in Substance Use Care: Evaluation of a Patient and Family Advisory Committee	David Chang
Emergency medicine providers' perspectives on integrating peer support workers in Calgary emergency departments: a descriptive analysis	Cynthia Hui
Evaluating the implementation of hospital-based pharmaceutical alternatives (PALs) for opioid use disorder: A qualitative study	Genevieve Sutherns
Family Members' Perspectives Towards Alberta's Mandatory Addiction Treatment, The Compassionate Intervention Act: A Mixed-Methods Exploration	Boogyung Seo, Avnit Dhanoa, William Rioux, Dylan Viste, Sumantra Monty Ghosh
Gamifying contingency management on a smartphone app: qualitative evaluation of end users	Jane Kim
Hospital-Based Initiation of Opioid Agonist Treatment and Post-Discharge Retention: A Scoping Review	Tamara Mihic
"I don't care if I get HIV from sharing needles [...]": Challenges to Harm Reduction Services for PWID in Rwanda	Alain Favina
Impact of OAT in individuals with OUD who experience an overdose in Ontario, Canada	Maher Abdel-Sattar, Ken Lee

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Implementing Tobacco Addiction Treatment in Virtual Substance Use Treatment Programs	Osnat Melamed
Integrating Medical Cannabis into Residential Recovery: Design and Implementation of the Maverick Medical Cannabis Protocol	Christopher Nelson, Florriann Fehr, Zach Walsh
Knowledge, familiarity, and accessibility of Naloxone: A Cross-Sectional Survey for Canadian Medical Students	Sami Sabbah, Timothy Moran
Management of Methamphetamine-Induced Psychosis: Perspectives From The National Overdose Response Service	Boogyung Seo, Avnit Dhanoa, Dylan Viste, Sumantra Monty Ghosh, William Rioux
Objective Alcohol Withdrawal Scale Validation	Olivia Brooks
Optimizing referrals from the emergency department to a rapid access addiction medicine clinic using phone call “nudges”	Matthew Hacker Teper, Hasan Sheikh, Jennifer Hulme
Pilot Feasibility of the Rahi Care Program: Preliminary Results	Nitasha Puri, Manvinder Gill, Sherry Sandhu
Positive Urgency as a Mediator in the Association Between PTSD Symptom Clusters and Polysubstance Use	Jessica Peterson
Predicting treatment challenges due to fentanyl use among people with opioid use disorder: A machine learning approach	Myanca Rodrigues
Prevalence of Psychotic Disorders and Symptoms in Amphetamine-Type Stimulant Use Disorder: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Keren N’Dri
Prevalence Study: Estimating Houselessness in the Emergency Department	Marianne Turgeon
Rapid titration of 24-hour slow-release oral morphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder in the outpatient setting	Olivia Brooks, Pamela Bai
Reducing barriers to care with an integrated primary care model of opioid agonist treatment within a community health centre	Van Nguyen, Amy Leung, Jacqueline Doss, Jillian Forsey, Sarah Elliott
Social and medical complexities of pregnant patients with substance use disorder receiving care from an integrated primary care clinic	Suzanne Turner

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Stigma From Within: Structural Vulnerability, Trauma, and Internalized Stigma Among Individuals with Severe Opioid Use Disorder in Canada	Yiwei Chen
Supporting Outreach Nurses' Practice: Lessons from a Narrative Analysis from Strategies for Addressing Needle Debris	Nofar Betzer, Gabriel Joaquino
Symptom-Inhibited Naloxone Induction (SINI) onto Buprenorphine: A Retrospective Chart Review	Hannah Schneiderman, Alaa Al Hawamdeh, Jessica Machado
The CareConsult for Youth Substance Use Service—enhancing capacity among healthcare providers for evidence informed care	Karen Leslie, Amy Burke, Lauren Morris
The Impact of Youth Cannabis Use on Parents and Families	Toula Kourgiantakis
The Importance of Integrating STBBI and Vaccine Services into Addictions Care: A Needs Assessment at a Local OAT Clinic	Grace Greenwood, Kate Newcombe
The MATTERS Model - Applying Lessons Learned in the US to the Canadian Landscape	Joshua Lynch
The mortality burden in an inner-city community: insights from the Hope to Health clinic from 2019-2025	Van Phu Nguyen
The Role of Oxygen in Shelter-Based Overdose Response: A Qualitative Needs Assessment Across Shelter Sites in Toronto, Canada	Andrew Shaw
"We Don't Speak the Same Language": Clinician Perspectives on Deprescribing Tools to Prevent Opioid Use Disorder	Pénélope Massoud, Léonie Archambault
"We're all in this together": Understanding The Value of Peer Support Workers in Addictions Healthcare	Samantha Perry, Jennifer Jackson
Widening the Lens: Longitudinal Evidence on Structural and Intersectional Drivers of PTSD Symptom Severity in Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment	Liam Quinn

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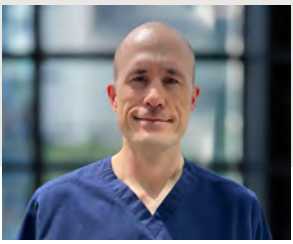
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