

# Why Are Some Physicians Apprehensive About Prescribing Safe Supply?

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## Abstract Body

The overdose crisis was declared public health emergency in British Columbia in 2016. Over time, several interventions have been brought forward to combat the rising overdose deaths. One of these interventions has been to prescribe safer forms of medications to those with substance use disorders so they may use these drugs instead of the illicit drug supply, an intervention known as safe supply. The goal of this talk is to help explain why some physicians may be apprehensive about prescribing safe supply.

## Key Words

- Safe Supply

## Learning Objective # 1

Understand the relationship between the opioid overdose epidemic and opioid prescribing

## Learning Objective # 2

Be able to critically examine the evidence supporting safe supply

## Reference # 1

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## Reference # 2

International Harm Reduction Association. (2010). What is harm reduction? A position statement from the International Harm Reduction Association. IHRA Briefing, London United Kingdom.

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