

HARM REDUCTION SERIES

OPIOID USE PROBLEMS AND TREATMENT FOR FIRST NATIONS WITHIN ALBERTA

APRIL 3, 2019 10:00 – NOON

Learn about how the current drug-poisoning epidemic affects individuals, families, and communities in Alberta and what the best evidence shows about treating opioid addiction. We will also explore successful ways of providing treatment access right in First Nations communities.

Learning Outcomes:

- Better understand how to best protect people with opioid use problems from adverse outcomes
- Understand the risks of some commonly used interventions
- Understand systems that improve evidence-based treatment access on reserve

Target Audience: Health Directors of communities and Treaty Organizations where opioid use is a growing concern

Presented By: Dr. Hakique Virani MD FRCPC DABAM
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Presenter Information: Dr. Virani has a long history of working in First Nations public health. He was formerly a Medical Officer of Health with First Nations Inuit Health Branch and has worked clinically with indigenous populations for almost 15 years. He championed the first naloxone distribution program on reserve in Canada in response to the opioid overdose crisis in Southern Alberta, which was the impetus for a province-wide program. Dr. Virani leads the Metro City Medical Clinic network of physicians treating opioid use disorder throughout the province



Session 4 in the Harm
Reduction Series

Live stream and audio
lines will be made
available for those who
cannot attend via
videoconference

This session is targeted
for Health Directors;
however, if a Health
Director is unable to
attend we encourage
others to join in their
place

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viewing

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