

ANKORS Community Drug Checking Project

British Columbia , Canada during
A Public Health Emergency
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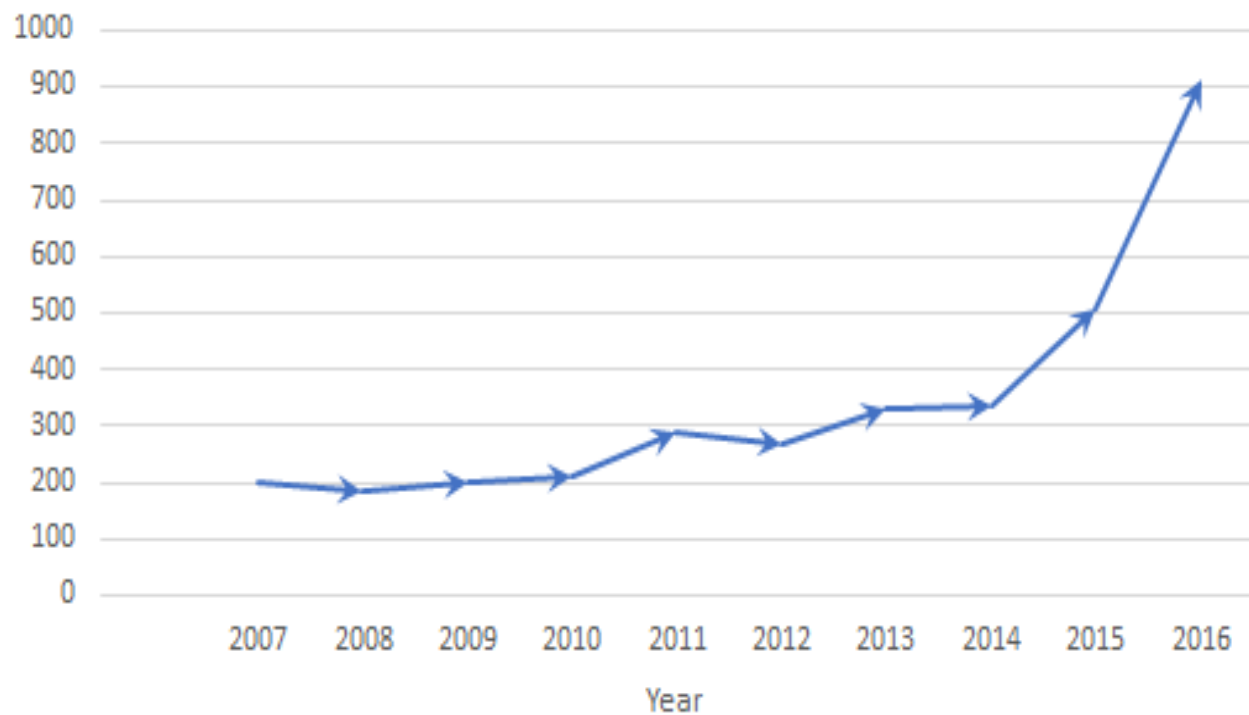


Public Health Emergency Declared in British Columbia April 2016



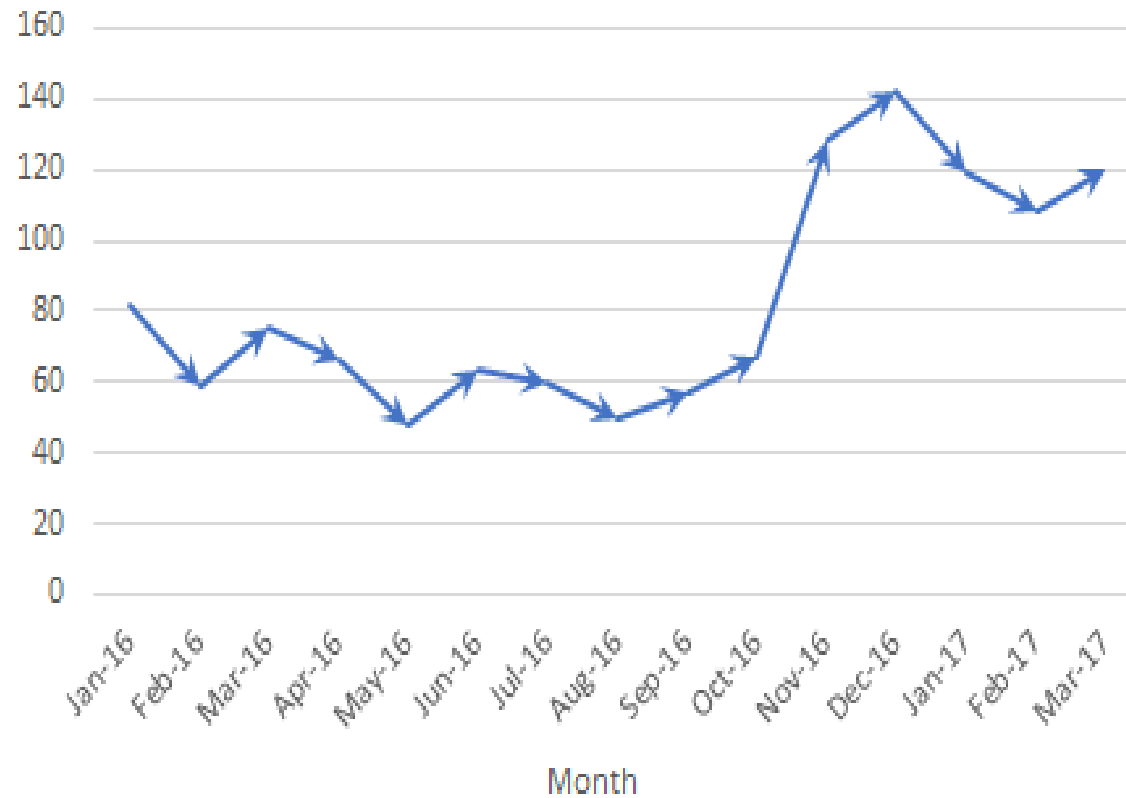
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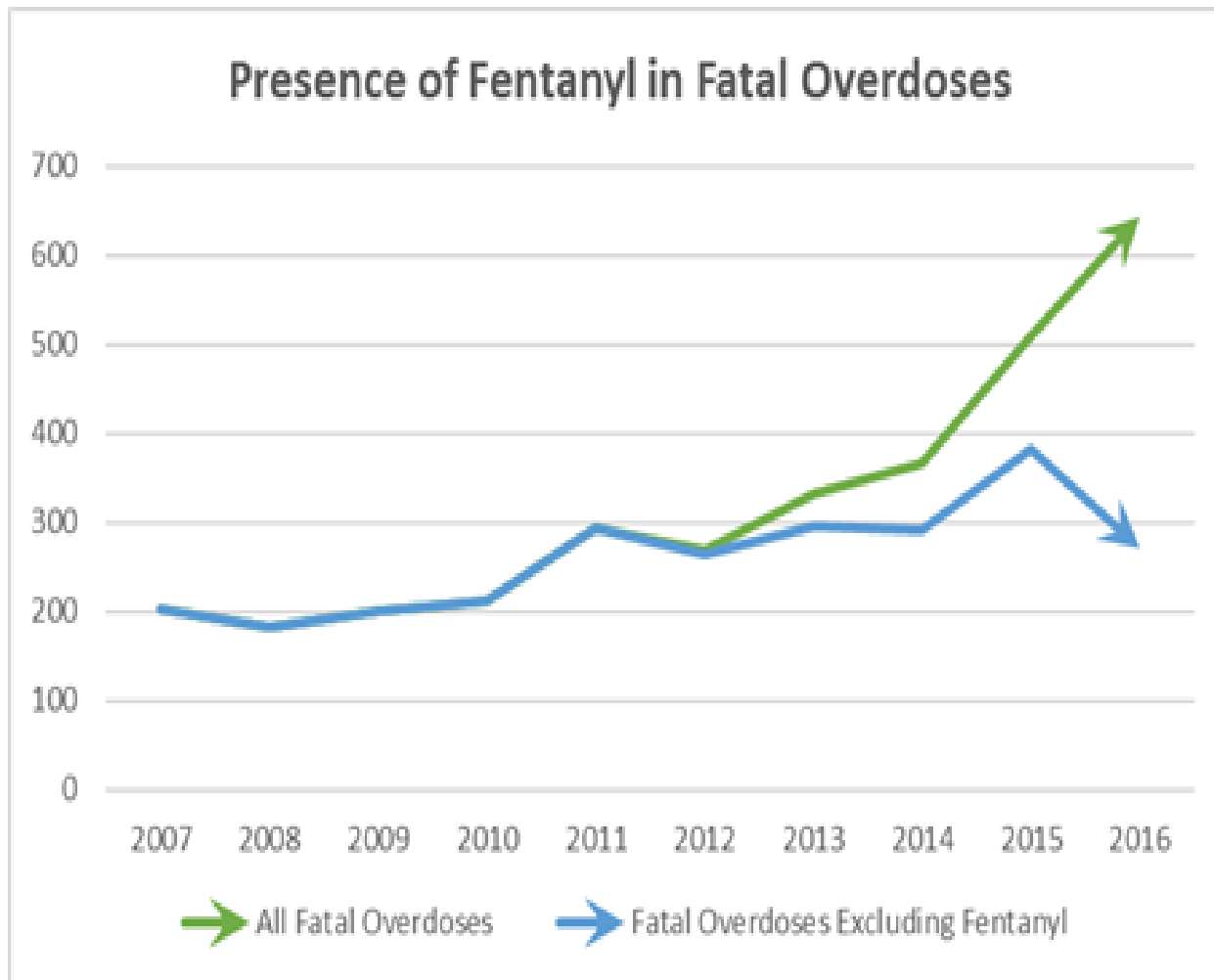


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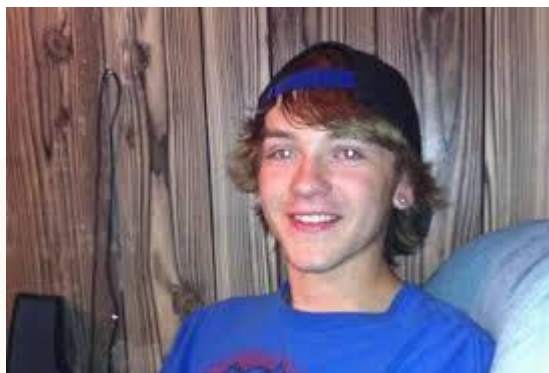
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Amount it takes to kill you





Picture Huffington Post



INSITE Safe Consumption Site introduces drug checking for Fentanyl to Vancouver

86% of all drugs tested
contained Fentanyl
40% of Cocaine
81% of Crystal Meth
90% of Heroin



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Insite fentanyl test reduces overdoses, study

About 80 per cent of drugs test positive for fentanyl, says health authority

By Matt Meuse, CBC News | Posted: May 15, 2017 10:26 AM PT | Last Updated: May 16, 2017 2:56 PM PT



Vancouver Coastal Health says Insite users who test their drugs with free testing strips before consumption are 25 times less likely to overdose. (Jonathan Hayward/Canadian Press)

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Overview of ANKORS Project

- Overdose Prevention information and Naloxone trainings
- Offer drug checking services to diverse groups of people using drugs.
- Research on what services people want and how to deliver services to People Who Use Drugs (PWUD)s in rural areas and small urban areas.
- Seek out appropriate technologies for testing opioids and new analogues.

Naloxone



DON'T LET THIS PARTY BE YOUR LAST

You can't know if the drug you use is safe. Any drug—cocaine, crack, ecstasy, meth, heroin—can contain fentanyl.

- *Never use alone*
- *Go slow*
- *Carry naloxone*

Learn more at gov.bc.ca/overdose



 CARRY A NALOXONE KIT

 CALL 911

 #STOPOVERDOSE

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Drug Checking and Fentanyl Urine testing study





Research preliminary results

- Overdose is a common reality for people who use drugs.
- People are not calling emergency services
- People need more treatment options
- 2/3 used multiple substances simultaneously
- People need to be able to trust the service provider
- People are integrating harm reduction strategies

Not using alone, doing testers, reducing dose, warning each other, checking on their friends, getting Naloxone kits and training.

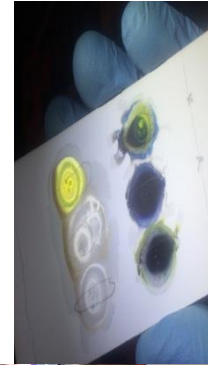
- People want to learn more about the substances they are putting in their bodies

Technologies need to be able to:

- Detect and identify New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)
- Identify multiple ingredients in a given substance
- Pick up trace amounts of a substance in other substances
- Be mobile
- Affordable
- Fast results

choices

- Reagents
- Test strips
- TLC
- HPLC-UV
- Raman Spectrometer
- ION scanner
- Mass Spectrometer



HARM REDUCTION INITIATIVE

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Lets get this done!!

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Envisioning a future where people who use drugs no longer need to hide in the shadows. Only then will the crisis end.



THEY TALK WE **DIE**
NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION ON THE OVERDOSE CRISIS
FEBRUARY 21 2017

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All those in the front line of this crisis saving lives every day.

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