

Depression Research Priority Setting Project

Research priorities are generally set by researchers and funders, as they determine what projects are proposed and funded. The Addictions & Mental Health (AMH) Strategic Clinical Network™ (SCN™) in collaboration with the Patient Engagement Platform (PEP) of the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit, the Canadian Depression Research Intervention Network (CDRIN), and Campus Alberta Neuroscience (CAN) are working on a project to shift that balance in the area of depression research. The current project will adapt the James Lind Alliance process to identify patient, caregiver and clinician depression research questions or priorities in Alberta.

This project is currently ongoing, with data collection starting the summer of 2016. Final priorities will be available in early 2017 with opportunities for research into uptake of priorities by researchers, knowledge translation and the extent of overlap between the identified priorities of patients, caregivers and clinicians with research that is ongoing in the province.

Naloxone Take Home Kit Program Evaluation

From 2011 through 2015, on average, fentanyl related deaths have more than doubled each year. Preliminary information from 2016 suggests the rate of fentanyl related overdose deaths is not declining from the high number observed in 2015. This health emergency is being addressed by Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services (AHS) and community partners in the province.

This program is a vital part of harm reduction in Alberta and key to reducing opioid overdose deaths. The Addiction and Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network is leading a province-wide evaluation of the programs. The evaluation is a partnership between different areas of AHS, Alberta Health, ACCH and academic researchers. It will include multiple perspectives from society, government, AHS and community partners.

Research opportunities include qualitative studies of the program from a client perspective and the impact of the evaluation on the programs.