

Opioid Dependency in Canada Questionnaire

[text intro]

Changing subjects, we'd like to ask about your own experiences, if any, with opiates. 'Opiates' include substances like heroin, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl and codeine among others. Some of these have recognizable brand names like, Vicodin, Demerol or Dilaudid, and many are commonly prescribed by doctors.

We realize this can be a difficult topic for some. Please remember, your responses are completely anonymous and will only be looked at in aggregate with all others.

[T] Q01.

BASE = ALL

SINGLE CHOICE

First, how closely are you following news and commentary (either online or offline) about the issue of opioid use in Canada? Would you say you are:

Seeing a lot of coverage and having discussions with family/friends
Seeing some coverage and having the odd conversation
Just seeing a little bit of coverage
Haven't seen or heard anything about it

O1.

BASE = ALL

SINGLE CHOICE GRID

Thinking about the past five years, have any of your close friends or family members had any of the following experiences?

[ROWS – THIS ORDER]

Been prescribed opiates from a doctor
Been dependent on or addicted to opiates
Overdosed from opiates
Died as a result of using opiates

[COLUMNS]

Yes
No
Prefer not to say
Don't know

Q03.**BASE=If YES to Dependent or Overdosed in O1****Single choice**

You mentioned that someone in your life has dealt with opioid dependence. To the best of your knowledge, how did they handle this?

Sought help and were able to find it easily

Sought help but had a hard time finding it

Did not seek help, dealt with it another way

Not sure/Prefer not to say

Q04.**Base=All****Single Choice**

And thinking about the past five years, have you, **personally**, had any of the following experiences:

[ROWS – THIS ORDER]

Been prescribed opiates from a doctor

Been dependent on or addicted to opiates

Overdosed from opiates

[COLUMNS]

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Don't know

Q05.**BASE=If YES to Dependent or Overdosed in Q04****Single choice**

You mentioned that you have dealt with opioid dependence. Which of the following best describes how you handled it?

Sought help and was able to find it easily

Sought help but had a hard time finding it

Did not seek help, dealt with it another way

Prefer not to say

[T]Q06.**BASE = ALL****SINGLE CHOICE GRID**

Thinking more broadly, based on whatever you've seen or heard about the issue, including in this survey, how serious a problem would you say addiction, overdose and death related to opioid use is:

[ROWS – THIS ORDER]

For Canada today

For your own province

Within your own community

[COLUMNS]

A crisis

A serious problem

A problem, but one among many others

A minor problem

Not much of a problem at all

Not sure

Q07.**BASE = ALL****SINGLE CHOICE GRID**

In the past year, do you think the problem of addiction, overdose and death related to opioid use in each of the following has ...?

[ROWS – THIS ORDER]

Canada overall

Your own province

Your own community

[COLUMNS]

Gotten worse

Gotten better

Remained about the same

Q08.

Base=All

Single Choice Grid

A number of policies have been proposed as efforts to combat the abuse of opioids. For each of the following, please indicate whether you are in favour or against the approach.

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Get tougher on people who use drugs – focus on a policy where people found with illegal opioids are prosecuted and either fined or serve jail sentences

Supervised-injection sites – places where people can go and take illegal drugs in a clean and safe environment under medical supervision

Compulsory treatment programs – require anyone who has had an overdose or is found to be abusing opioids to enter a treatment program, rather than face jail time or other punishment

Decriminalize all illegal drugs – decriminalize the possession and use of these drugs to encourage users to be open about their behaviour and seek help. Producing and selling illegal drugs, however, would still be a criminal offence.

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Strongly in favour

Moderately in favour

Moderately against

Strongly against