[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
QO3.  
**BASE=If YES to Dependent or Overdosed in Q01**  
**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

QO4.  
**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

QO5.  
**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
**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.

[rows]

**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.

[columns]
Strongly in favour
Moderately in favour
Moderately against
Strongly against