

Serious complications associated with non-fatal opioid overdoses in Ontario, Canada

This study found a substantial increase in the rate of serious complications due to opioid overdoses and a high degree of healthcare use and risk of death in the following year.

67%

Increase in serious complications associated with opioids from 2010–2019

1 in 4

Individuals were initiated on opioid agonist therapy within 90 days

In the following year:



People who survived their initial hospitalization had high health services use

16%

Of individuals had a subsequent opioid overdose

1 in 10

Individuals with serious complications died

For more information:

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