# Vancouver Native Health Medical Clinic BOOST Collaborative Team

• Team Members

| Doctors                 | Residents         | Nurses          | Support Staff |
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- Brief Description:
  - Located in DTES
  - ~ 2000 active clients
  - 2/3 identify as Indigenous persons



#### Aim Statement

- To evolve the system of care for active VNHS registered clients with OUD so that there are significant improvements in :
  - OUD diagnosis
  - OAT initiation
  - OAT retention
  - more positive client impacts
  - a decrease in illicit opiate poisonings and deaths



#### Aim Statement

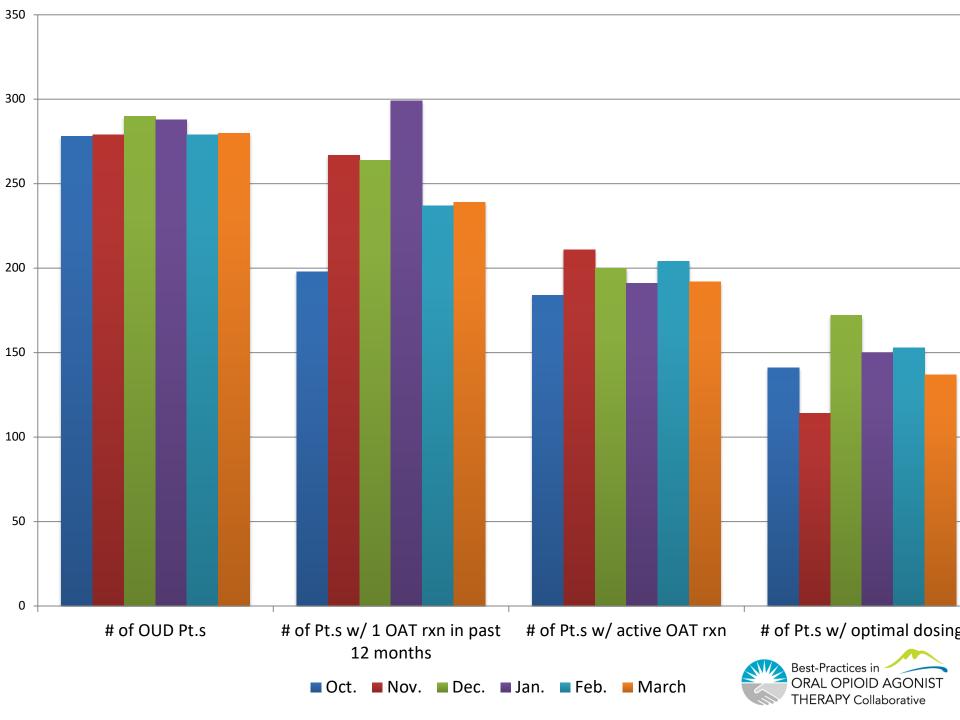
- What are you trying to accomplish?
  - 90% of active VNH clients assessed for OUD and entered into the OUD registry
  - 90% of active OUD clients be initiated on OAT
  - 90% of clients receiving OAT achieve clinical remission within 6 months of initiating treatment
  - 90% of quarterly client narratives suggest positive impacts related to SUD care



#### **Data Collection**

- Developed new Electronic Opiod Use Form:
  - Creates scripts
  - Tracks script information  $\rightarrow$  Medication, Dosage, and End Dates
- Awaiting an EMR software update before the new form can be implemented
- Currently manually updating medication info. for the entire OUD registry:
  - Time Consuming
  - Inefficient
  - Results in incomplete data capture





#### **Opioid Use Form**

| Visit Checklist                                 |                       |                   |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Pharmanet Reviewed                              |                       |                   |
| Any ORT missed doses in last 7<br>days          | 🔍 Yes 🔍 No            |                   |
| If yes, describe                                |                       |                   |
| Current substance use reviewed                  | Last Checked:         |                   |
| # ODs in the last 30 Days                       | Number                | Last Value:       |
| Linkage to social work/counselling<br>discussed | Last Checked:         |                   |
|   | Last Date<br>Verified | Verified<br>Today |
| Has THN kit                                     |                       |                   |
| Has THN training                                |                       |                   |
| Has access to harm reduction supplies           |                       |                   |
| Aware of supervised<br>consumption sites        |                       |                   |
|   | Last Score            |                   |
|   | First Score           | 0                 |

| Rx Writer                      |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| OAT Med                        | ✓ ♦                         |
| Daily Dose(mg)                 | Methadone<br>Suboxone       |
| Start Day                      | Hydromorphone<br>YYYY-MM-DD |
| Last Day                       | YYYY-MM-DD                  |
| Rx Duration(days)              | days                        |
| Carry Directions               | DWI Carries                 |
| Witnessed Ingestion            |                             |
| Direction For Use              |                             |
|                                |                             |
| Treatment Course               |                             |
| Treatment Stage                | \$                          |
| First ever OAT initiation date | YYYY-MM-DD                  |
|                                |                             |

YYYY-MM-DD

YYYY-MM-DD

0

Most recent OAT start date

Stable dose date

OAT Duration

Best-Practices in ORAL OPIOID AGONIST THERAPY Collaborative

# Capturing Pt. Voice

- In the previous action period we captured the voices of 10 OUD clients receiving OAT and 1 OUD client not receiving OAT
- Goal: To capture voices of more OUD clients not receiving OAT
  - What are the barriers to their care?
  - Develop plans to address these
- Plan:
  - Focus Group meeting with clients
  - Coordinate this effort with STOP team nurse (Krista T.)



## Pharmacy Note on Scripts

- What small tests of change have you tried?
  - Incorporating pharmacies to increase client engagement
  - Attached label to scripts requesting that pharmacies inform patients and doctors when script is expired
- What were you measuring?
  - Whether pharmacies are willing to aid in increasing client engagement
  - If pharmacy's aid prevented expired scripts by inducing:
    - Visits to clinic
    - Doctor writing bridging scripts
- Results:
  - Pharmacies did not report end date



#### Medi-Net Change

- What small tests of change have you tried?
  - Contacted ministry to suggest quality improvement regarding Medi-Net reporting OAT by provider
    - To get end dates from data-base
- Analysis:
  - Not currently possible

## Substance Screen Trial

- What small tests of change have you tried?
  - A 30 sec substance screen on a convenience sample of 20 patients over 10 days
- What were you measuring?
  - Whether patient's substance use was known to the clinic before the screen
  - VNHS Clinic disease registries used to confirm this
- Analysis:
  - 100% capture for opiates
  - All OUD patients started on replacement therapy
  - Weaknesses in stimulant, cannabis, nicotine and alcohol capture

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# **Tracking Prescription End Dates**

- What small tests of change have you tried?
  - Tracking script end dates by physicians versus relying on patients to check in and book appointments
- What were you measuring?
  - Which method resulted in fewer expired scripts
- Analysis:
  - Trial still in progress
- Obstacle:
  - Flux in front-end staff has made it difficult to develop and test a clinic-wide method

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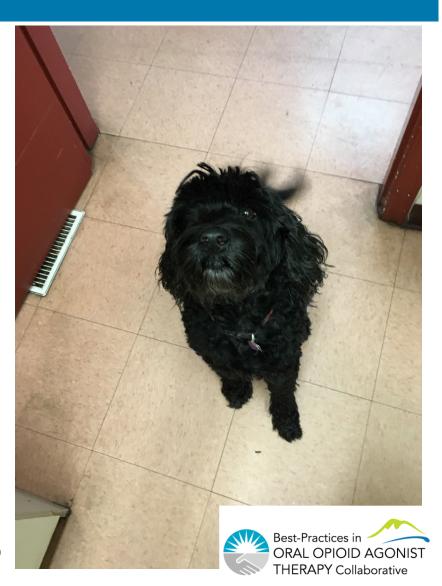
# Looking forward...

- What is next?
  - 1. Updating the EMR  $\rightarrow$  New eForm
  - Capturing OUD patient voice of those not on OAT
  - 3. A trial comparing various quality of life scales



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