

## Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Supporting your patients during Canada's opioid overdose crisis

Nearly 30% of people who died of an opioid-related toxicity in Ontario during 2019 or 2020 had interacted with the healthcare system in the week before their death, with almost 60% having healthcare contact in the month prior to their death. Join Halton Region Public Health to learn about how opioids are impacting your patients, local harm reduction supports and how to support your patients in tapering and stopping opioids.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022

**Time:** 7-8 p.m.

**Register:** Online ([registration form](#))



Learning objectives:

### Overall series learning objective:

By attending the Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians series, participants will be able to identify and discuss relevant and recent information about approaches to the prevention, diagnosis and management of key public health issues impacting their family medicine practice in both rural and urban settings.

### Learning objectives for this session:

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand the patterns of opioid use and misuse in Halton and Ontario
- Refer patients to local harm reduction programs, such as naloxone and needle exchange programs
- Refer patients to addiction treatment programs
- Identify patients for opioid tapering
- Understand guidelines for managing common opioid challenges

Submit your questions in advance through the registration form.



### Keynote Speaker – Dr. Andrea Furlan, MD, PhD

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- Associate Professor, Division of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto
- Chair, ECHO Ontario Chronic Pain and Opioid Stewardship