

Emergency department (ED) visits for opioid overdose

Resource for Indicator Standards (RIS)
Health Analytics Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Indicator description

RIS indicator name

Emergency department (ED) visits for opioid overdose

Other names for this indicator

Number and rate of emergency department (ED) visits for opioid overdose, per 10,000 population

Indicator description

Number of ED visits for opioid overdose, for every 10,000 people in the population.

Accountability agreement(s) or ministry initiative(s) the indicator supports

- The Quarterly

Numerator

Data source

National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS), Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Includes:

1. Unscheduled emergency department visits;
2. Main or other problem for opioid overdose (T40.0, T40.1, T40.2, T40.3, T40.4, T40.6)

Excludes:

1. Query or unconfirmed diagnoses

Calculation

Steps:

1. Calculate (sum) the number of ED visits for opioid overdose

Denominator

Data source

Ministry of Finance population estimates

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Includes:

1. All records

Excludes:

N/A

Calculation

Steps:

1. Select the population field
2. Calculate (sum) the total number of individuals in the population
3. Multiple by 10,000

Timing and geography

Timing/frequency of release

How often and when data are being released (e.g., be as specific as possible...data are released annually in mid-May)

Data by fiscal year are available annually (usually by September); interim data are updated quarterly.

Trending

Years available for trending

Data are available as of the 2000/01 fiscal year.

Levels of comparability

Levels of geography for comparison

Data are available at LHIN level.

Additional information

Limitations

Specific limitations

N/A

Comments

Additional information regarding the calculation, interpretation, data source, etc.

N/A

References

Provide URLs of any key references (e.g., Diabetes in Canada, [http:// ...](#))

1. [Hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to opioid poisoning in Canada](#)

Contact information

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