B.C. OVERDOSE SURVEILLANCE

DECLINING TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL FOR PARAMEDIC-ATTENDED OVERDOSE EVENTS

The proportion of paramedic-attended overdose-related events where persons declined transportation to the hospital has been increasing in all regions of BC.

Urban areas have the largest # of paramedic-attended overdose-related events where persons declined transportation.

From 2010-2019, the proportion of paramedic-attended overdose events where people declined transportation increased from 2% to 27%.

73% of people who declined transportation (2010-2019) were men and the average age was 37 years old.

More information is needed to understand the reasons people are declining transportation to the hospital after a non-fatal overdose, and the effects of declining transportation on the frequency and severity of future overdose events, mortality, and development of chronic health conditions.

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