The Provincial Overdose Cohort (ODC) is a collection of information on people who had an overdose between January 1st, 2015 and December 31st, 2017 in BC. It was created to ensure people responding to the overdose crisis have up-to-date information on the needs of people experiencing overdoses.

**People Who Died from Drug-Related Overdose**

- **Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths**
  - 85.5% Any Opioids
  - 14.5% Other Drugs

- **Prescribed & Non-Prescribed**
  - Prescribed: 2%
  - Non-Prescribed: 90%

- **Non-Prescribed**
  - Prescribed: 8%
  - Non-Prescribed: 92%

- **Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT)**
  - OAT remains a safe treatment for opioid use disorder. OAT contributed to a very small number of drug-related overdose deaths.

- **Over 50%** of people with prescribed methadone relevant to overdose death, were on a low dose (60mg or less) at the time of death.

- **Over 79%** of people who died from a non-prescribed opioid overdose had fentanyl or fentanyl analogues relevant to death.

- **Over 33%** of people who died from a non-prescribed opioid overdose had heroin relevant to death.

- **Over 99%** of people who died from a stimulant overdose had non-prescribed stimulants relevant to death.

- **Over 63%** of people who died from a benzodiazepine or z-drug overdose had non-prescribed benzos & z-drugs relevant to death.