Acronyms

ACCESS AIDS Care Cohort to Evaluate access to Survival Services (cohort study led by UHRI)

AIDS Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

AHS Adolescent Health Survey (McCreary Centre Society, BC)

AOD Alcohol and Other Drug monitoring program-led by CARBC

ART Antiretroviral Treatment

ASSIST Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test

AUDIT Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test

ARYS At-Risk Youth Study (cohort study of youth aged 14-26 years led by UHRI)

BC British Columbia

BCCDC BC Centre for Disease Control (an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority)

BCCS BC Coroners Service

BC CFE BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS

CADUMS Canadian Alcohol and Drug Use Monitoring Survey

CARBC Centre for Addictions Research of BC, University of Victoria

CDSA Controlled Drug and Substances Act **CPBC** College of Pharmacists of British Columbia

CPSBC College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC

DAA Direct-Acting-Antiviral

DOAP BC Drug Overdose and Alert Partnership

DTES Downtown East Side of Vancouver

DTP Drug Treatment Program

ED Emergency Department

ER Emergency Room

EIA Enzyme Immunoassay

EKASS East Kootenay Addiction Service Society

FH Fraser Health Authority (one of 5 regional health authorities in BC)

FNHA First Nations Health Authority

HA Health Authority

HCV Hepatitis C virus

HDM Hydromorphone

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus



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HR Harm Reduction

HRSS BC Harm Reduction Strategies and Services

HSDA Health Service Delivery Area

IDU Injection Drug Use

INCB International Narcotics Control Board

IH Interior Health Authority (one of 5 regional health authorities in BC)

LHA Local Health Area

MMT Methadone Maintenance Therapy

MSM Men who have Sex with Men

NAOMI North American Opiate Medications Initiative

NAT Nucleic Acid Testing

NH Northern Health Authority (one of 5 regional health authorities in BC)

PHSU Public Health Surveillance Unit (VCH)

PLHIV People Living with HIV

POM Prescription Only Medication

PWID People Who Inject Drugs **PWUD** People Who Use Drugs

RCMP Royal Canadian Mounted Police

RNA Ribonucleic Acid

SALOME Study to Assess Longer-term Opioid Medication Effectiveness

SAP Special Access Programme

SIF Supervised Injection Facility

SMR Standardized Mortality Ratio

SVR Sustained Virological Response

THN Take Home Naloxone

UHRI Urban Health Research Institute (a program of BC CfE in HIV/AIDS)

VCH

Vancouver Coastal Health (one of 5 regional health authorities in BC)

VIDUS Vancouver Injection Drug Users Study (cohort study led by UHRI)

VIHA Vancouver Island Health Authority (now Island Health)

VPD Vancouver Police Department