

RESOLUTION 3: Adoption of the Position Paper The Overdose Crisis

Whereas the overdose crisis has accelerated in recent years, with an alarming rising in mortality compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas various complex and interrelated factors have driven this crisis, including stigma, racism, barriers to harm reduction services, and a contaminated drug supply;

Whereas the current prohibition-based legal landscape continues to perpetuate stigma and discrimination against people who use drugs and fuels an increasingly toxic drug supply;

Whereas access to safer supply continues to be limited by hyper-medicalized models of care and lack of comprehensive safer supply frameworks;

Whereas the disproportionate response to the overdose crisis across Canada is influenced by geographic location and regional political ideology, underlining the importance of a unified national response;

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) adopt the position paper titled, The Overdose Crisis.

Financial cost: There is no associated financial cost to the adoption of this position paper.

Source of funding: No source of funding is required because there is no associated financial cost.

Level of Effort of Volunteers/Staff: The level of effort on the behalf of the CFMS and its representatives will involve future advocacy efforts to support the recommendations as advised in the position paper.

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