

***The contaminated illicit drug supply: drug overdose risks associated with known and unknown exposure to fentanyl among people who inject drugs in Vancouver***

## **CARMHA Research Seminar**

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Illicitly-manufactured fentanyl continues to contaminate the illicit drug markets and fuel the opioid overdose crisis in North America. This study compared self-reported exposure to fentanyl among a sample of 592 people who inject drugs (PWID) in Vancouver with results obtained via a urine drug screen (UDS) that detects recent fentanyl exposure. Multivariable logistic regression was used to identify demographic, behavioral and social-structural factors associated with known exposure and unknown exposure to fentanyl, respectively, compared against no fentanyl exposure. Preliminary results and the potential implications will be presented.

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- ◆ *The presentation is open to the SFU and broader research community.*
- ◆ *A light lunch will be available.*