

Newsletter

August 2014

Welcome to the August edition of our Monthly Newsletter - keeping you up to date with what's going on within the Alberta and beyond!

This month includes a number of important events to health promoters in Alberta and nationally. It is also a month dedicated to raising awareness about International Overdose Awareness Day and other important events.

We're Everywhere!

You can also now find us online at on Facebook (search Alberta Community Council on HIV) and Twitter at www.twitter.com/ACCH_HIV.

On Facebook and Twitter you will find regular updates and articles on HIV/AIDS and Hep c.

Visit our website at www.acch.ca



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UPDATES

International Overdose Awareness Day - A Time for Reflection and Action**What is International Overdose Awareness Day?**

International Overdose Awareness Day is held on August 31st each year.

Commemorating those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose, it also acknowledges the grief felt by their families and friends.

Celebrated around the world, International Overdose Awareness Day aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death, especially for those mourning the loss of family and friends. It also spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable.

On August 29, [Streetworks](#) will be hosting a candlelight ceremony at Centennial Plaza (behind the public library) 10am-2pm to commemorate International Overdose Awareness Day.

To learn more click [here](#)



Health Canada suggests that 250,000 Canadians are currently living with hepatitis C and up to 30 per cent of those living with HIV in Canada also contend with hepatitis.

Conferences & Webinars

[Gay Men's Health Summit 2014 - Call for Submissions: Presentations, Workshops, Videos and Panels](#)

The New Literacy of Gay Men's Health: How do you know what you know?

This year's Summit will explore how well gay men, their providers and care systems around them are navigating the explosion of health knowledge in the digital era. Rapidly evolving science and technologies are challenging the capacities of professionals let alone average gay guys to keep up. How well we grasp what is emerging in these times could ultimately affect gay men's future well-being and even help wind down the HIV epidemic.

[Save the Date: Social Media Training Webinars Start September 9](#)

Media Mechanics is the first of 10 webinars that will show you how to use social media to raise awareness, engage hard to reach audiences, and build and maintain a vibrant online community. Social Media Mechanics is a beginner level webinar that introduces you to the social media landscape, with a focus on what health-related organizations are achieving with blogs, social networks and social sharing. You'll learn about success stories and best practices, as well as how to avoid potential pitfalls. As with each webinar, you'll be invited to ask questions and to share your own social media successes and lessons learned

Upcoming Events

[Interdisciplinary Viral Hepatitis Education Workshop](#)

BC Centre for Disease Control
September 25 to 26, 2014
Vancouver, BC

[The International Indigenous Health Conference](#)

International Network in Indigenous Health
Knowledge and Development, Manitoba Network
Environment for Aboriginal Health Research
October 5 to 10, 2014
Winnipeg, MB

[HIV Research for Prevention Conference](#)

Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise
October 28 to 31, 2014
Cape Town, South Africa

[1st International Hepatitis Cure & Eradication Meeting 2014](#)

Virology Education
November 5 to 6, 2014
Toronto, ON

[21st Canadian Conference on Global Health](#)

Canadian Society for International Health
November 2 to 4, 2014
Ottawa, ON

[2014 Canadian Immunization Conference](#)

December 2 to 4, 2014
Ottawa, ON

News Resources:

- ↪ [How Often Do Condoms Fail? Black Gay Men and Condom Problems](#)
- ↪ [Addressing the Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Needs of Same-Sex Attracted Transgender Men](#)
- ↪ [Leading Clinician Julio Montaner on the Proposed 90-90-90 Strategy to Help End HIV \(Video\)](#)
- ↪ [Drugs That Target HIV Reservoirs May Also Impair Killer T Cells](#)
- ↪ [Rethinking HIV-Related Stigma in Health Care Settings: A Research Brief \(University of Ottawa\)](#)
- ↪ [Ambitious treatment targets: writing the final chapter of the AIDS epidemic](#)

Reserches:

- ↪ [Current and future therapies for CMV](#)
- ↪ [CMV co-infection linked to increased risk of heart and stroke problems](#)
- ↪ [Canadian researchers point to CMV as a problem for the immune system](#)
- ↪ [Availability of HIV prevention and treatment services for people who inject drugs: findings from 21 countries](#)
- ↪ [Perceptions of drug users regarding Hepatitis C screening and care: a qualitative study](#)
- ↪ [Between harm reduction, loss and wellness: on the occupational hazards of work](#)

The Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life



The Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life is a national awareness and fundraising event that takes place every year in communities all across Canada. Funds raised support direct programs and services for Canadians living with HIV/AIDS in their communities.

Why Walk?

As many as 71,300 people are living with HIV/AIDS in Canada. Over one quarter of them don't even know it. There is no cure and no vaccines to prevent new infections. When you have HIV/AIDS, life gets a lot harder.

Find your walk!

- ↪ [Edmonton](#)
- ↪ [Calgary](#)
- ↪ [RedDeer](#)
- ↪ [Fort McMurray](#)
- ↪ [Grande Prairie](#)
- ↪ [Peace River](#)



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