

MCSW AGM & EDUCATION EVENT 2019

CONCURRENT WORKSHOP

METHAMPHETAMINE AND OPIOID USE IN MANITOBA – EFFECTIVE APPROACHES AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES

Summary

Within the last decade there has been a dramatic rise in opioid and methamphetamine use across Canada, resulting in significant increases in morbidity and mortality among individuals using these substances. As a result, families and communities have been afflicted and the province's health, social and justice systems have become overwhelmed in response to the impacts of these drugs.

This workshop will focus on:

- Understanding how methamphetamine and opioids use affects people and communities
- Applying best practices when treating individuals who are using methamphetamine and opioids
- Accessing services and support within Manitoba

Biography



Dr. Ginette Poulin is the Medical Director of the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) and is a lead for Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinics and Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) across Manitoba.

Dr. Poulin is a Family Physician with specialization in Addictions Medicine and a Registered Dietitian (B.Sc., B.Sc (H.N.S.), RD, MD, CFPC (AM), CISAM, CMCBT, PLIC) originating from Thompson, Manitoba. After having ventured to various provinces and countries to pursue her studies, Dr. Poulin has returned to her home province where she is currently practicing medicine in a variety of settings. Experienced in both rural and urban health care, she delivers health services through emergency, hospital, clinic and inner-city house calls. She has a special interest and international certification in Addictions Medicine, offering services in Opiate Agonist Treatment, as well as Community and In-house Programming. She serves vulnerable populations including those that reside in the inner city and marginalized populations

provincial-wide along with those suffering from mental health and addictions issues. She is bilingual (French and English) and has good working knowledge in Spanish. She has taken on Leadership roles in medicine serving as Medical Director at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba and also as the Director of the Mentorship and Clinical Enhancement Program for International Medical Graduates at the College of Medicine, University of Manitoba. She serves on numerous committees including physician examination and qualification standards with the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Medical Council of Canada. She is the clinical lead (Prairie Node for CRISM - Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse) for the development of National Guidelines for best practices in the clinical management of Opioid Use Disorder. She advocates for the vulnerable and her patients' needs with positions such as co-chair of the Manitoba Provincial Opiate Replacement Committee, Manitoba Monitoring Drug Review Committee, and as a Board Member of Main Street Project, the National Canadian Mental Health Association and Doctors Manitoba. She strives to contribute in the improvement of health care - its delivery, access, as well as its quality for all Manitobans alike. She works on National standards of practice, delivery of evidence-based care and de-stigmatization of Addictions and Mental Health as a national speaker, advocate and consultant.