Opioid-Related Overdose and Death Surveillance Data Sources in PEI



Island EMS

Island EMS discloses information on suspected opioid-related 911 patients. Cases are based on suspected cause, intoxicants, and/or history of naloxone administration.



Emergency Departments

This data includes information on non-fatal overdoses that enter QEH and PCH Emergency Departments.
This information is based on patient history and physician's clinical judgement.
Toxicology screens are recommended but not required for overdose treatment.



Drug Checking

This data includes anonymous results from drug checking services to understand what substances are in the illicit drug supply. Drug checking services prevent overdose deaths by identifying toxic substances like fentanyl and other contaminants.



Chief Coroner's Office

Data regarding any deaths involving opioid overdoses are compiled by the Chief Coroner's Office. Data includes pertinent information regarding the substance(s) involved in the cause of death through confirmatory laboratory tests and autopsy.



