

Naloxone kits distributed through the **Take-Home-Naloxone** program:

Manitoba (*total*): **258**

Naloxone kits shipped from provincial Materials Distribution Agency warehouse: **545**

Naloxone Distribution

Naloxone administration due to suspected opioid overdose:

Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service *: **210**

Medical Transportation Coordination Centre (Dec 2016 - Mar 2017): **76**

Take-Home-Naloxone program: **30**

** Analyses include only those aged ≥ 9 years.*

Naloxone Administration

Hospitalization due to opioid poisoning: **21**

Emergency room admissions due to suspected overdose*: **351**

** Winnipeg Health Region only*

Severity

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner reports on substance overdose deaths. Opioids have been a primary or contributing cause of death in approximately half of these deaths annually:

2013: **87** / 162 deaths (54%)

2014: **94** / 175 deaths (54%)

2015: **85** / 182 deaths (47%)

2016: **80** / 146 deaths* (55%)

**subject to change*

Mortality Trends

In the first quarter of 2017 (January 1-March 31), there were **30** apparent opioid-related deaths in Manitoba. During the same time period in 2016, there were **16** apparent opioid-related deaths.

In **14** of these 30 deaths (46.7%), fentanyl-related opioids were present.

In **12** of the 14 deaths (86%), the fentanyl analog **carfentanil** was present.

Mortality Q1 2017

Fentanyl-related calls to Health Links-Info Santé : **1**

Opioid-related calls to Manitoba Poison Centre: **69**

Illegal opioids identified or tracked by Drug Analysis Service of Health Canada (2016/17 fiscal year): **216**

Others

The number of apparent opioid-related deaths almost doubled when comparing the first quarters of 2016 and 2017. Data shows that fentanyl-related opioids (including the fentanyl analog carfentanil) are frequently present in opioid-related deaths.

Carfentanil-related deaths contribute significantly to opioid related deaths. Prior to the third quarter in 2016 carfentanil was not listed as a cause of death.

Through programs like Take-Home Naloxone, Manitoba Health Seniors and Active Living is working with Regional Health Authorities to address these major public health concerns.

SUMMARY

Note: Numbers are subject to change. Missed events in the current report due to a delay of submission to Manitoba Health, Senior and Active Living will be included in later reports when data become available.

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