

As a leading national society of medical professionals and scientists in the field of addiction medicine committed to advancing the understanding and treatment of addictive disorders, the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM) is compelled to respond to the Ontario government's recently announced changes to existing policies that govern provincial supervised consumption services and Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) hubs.

We feel that such policies should be grounded in science and equitably consider the health and well-being of people needing these services. This policy falls short of that rigour. When policies are based less on rhetoric and more on consultation with scientific experts and community engagement, they are more likely to improve the lives of those they intend to support.

Our society offers to assist the Ontario government with consultation and engagement to achieve uninterrupted, equitable, and accessible evidence-based services while assuring public safety.

CSAM-SMCA Board of Directors