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New Report: How COVID-19 Is Changing Addiction Medicine

CALGARY, Alberta — The Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse have released a comprehensive new report on the impact the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on addiction treatment in Canada.

The 16-page report summarizes the lesson learned and key outcomes from a special COVID-19 track at ISAM-CSAM's 2020 Scientific Conference, which was sponsored jointly by the two organizations.

Intended for a broad audience, the report examines how COVID-19 is impacting care for those with substance use disorders (SUDs), including substance supply and use patterns as well as social and psychological issues arising from lockdowns. It addresses several important questions including:

- How has addiction treatment changed during the pandemic?
- What are the benefits and drawbacks of treating SUDs in a pandemic?
- What have we learned from the pandemic that can improve addiction treatment?

The full report can be accessed here: <https://ccsa.ca/how-covid-19-changing-addiction-medicine-summary-canadian-society-addiction-medicine-international>. For more details or to arrange an interview, please contact:

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The Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine is a national society of medical professionals and scientists committed to helping Canadians understand, accept, and recover from substance use disorders.