

# Addiction and Mental Health Integration Network

## 2023-2024 Rapid Review Grant

The Addiction and Mental Health Integration Network (AMHIN) is making available a \$25,000 grant for a research team to conduct a rapid (six month) systematic review on the safety and effectiveness of medications used for opioid agonist therapy. Funding will be provided for one year. Applications are due on January 15, 2024.

### Key Questions:

1. What is the difference in overdose and mortality risk for a person who is on methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone), injectable buprenorphine (Sublocade), or slow-release oral morphine for opioid agonist therapy?
2. What are the short- and long-term overdose risks in relation to each of the four medications?
3. What are the harms associated with each of the four medications?
4. Are there differences in treatment adherence among the four medications?

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. The principal investigator (PI) must be affiliated with an Alberta-based academic institution.
2. The review team must be comprised of more than one individual and include a medical librarian.
3. The review team must have experience in conducting systematic or rapid reviews.

### Funding Eligibility:

Funding may be requested for:

- Stipend support for trainees or salary support for research associates and technical/professional staff.
- Research operating expenses, including general office supplies and software.
- Publication costs.
- Other expenses will be considered but must be justified.

Funding will not be provided for:

- Travel to conferences, meetings, symposia, or presentations.
- Expenses incurred prior to implementation of the grant.
- Computer and equipment purchases.
- Principal Investigator salaries.
- Institutional overhead.
- Legal or patent fees, membership fees, academic fees, or secretarial support.

## Review and Evaluation of Applications:

Each eligible application will be independently assessed by two reviewers, and will be evaluated based on pre-established criteria:

Criteria	Score
<b>Expertise of the Investigative Team</b>	
Skills and expertise of the investigative team to conduct a rapid review.	/10
<b>Project Feasibility</b>	
Proposed work is accomplishable and feasible with the provided timeline.	/10
Team has access to necessary resources and the provided budget is sensible to conduct a rigorous review.	/10
<i>Total</i>	/30

**Scoring:** 5 = outstanding; 4 = very good; 3 = good; 2 = fair; 1 = poor; NP = not provided

## Application Process

Applications are due by 4:00 pm on January 15, 2024 and can be emailed to Applied Research and Innovation (amh.researchhub@ahs.ca). Incomplete applications will be returned to the candidates.

The Strategic Clinical Networks (SCNs) and Provincial Programs are collecting information to understand the demographic diversity of the applicants to our Scientific Office funding competitions. All SCNs and Provincial Programs are participating in this learning initiative. The data are anonymous; will not be linked to individuals; and will not be available for, or used in, determining the outcome of funding competitions. Further information is provided within the survey preamble. Please follow the link below to the survey: <https://redcap.albertahealthservices.ca/surveys/?s=M78XHMM4KT4HWDTW>

Please indicate with your submission that you have completed the demographic survey.

Those who are awarded funds will be asked to complete a separate awardee demographic survey.

### **Rapid Review Grant Application Form**

Please provide a brief summary (one page maximum) that includes details about your team and proposed timeline and budget, using the sections below as a guideline.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name, Job Title &amp; Employer</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Tasks</b>
<i>Dr./Ms/Mr.</i>	<i>Xxx e.g. Professor, University of Alberta</i>	<i>e.g. Principal Investigator, Research Assistant, Librarian, Reviewer, Etc.</i>	<i>e.g. Leading review, research design, study review and appraisal, etc.</i>

#### **Experience of the Review Team**

*Please provide a summary of the experience your team has in conducting the proposed review. The review team should be comprised of members with experience in conducting systematic or scoping literature reviews, an experienced librarian to supervise the search strategy, and members with appropriate qualitative and/or quantitative methods knowledge to interpret analyses in the literature. Experience and knowledge in addiction and mental health is an asset.*

#### **Timeline**

*It is important that the review team has dedicated time to complete the proposed work. Please provide a timetable/schedule for all tasks included in the proposed review.*

#### **Budget**

*Please briefly summarize and justify all funds (\$25,000) to complete this proposed review.*

Completed applications can be submitted to: [amh.researchhub@ahs.ca](mailto:amh.researchhub@ahs.ca)