

# Talking about substance use with health care providers in Vancouver community health clinics

## WHAT WE FOUND

48%



of participants shared their drug use with their healthcare providers in a community health clinic (examples: community health centre, hospital outpatient unit, doctor's office, outreach health care)

38%



of Indigenous participants shared their drug use with their healthcare provider in a community health clinic



**People who shared their drug use with their health care provider reported receiving worse care** than those who didn't share their drug use with their care provider.

**Providing stigma-free and culturally safe care must be prioritized in all health care settings.**

### CONTEXT

- People who use drugs experience stigma due to substance use, creating barriers to culturally-safe care.
- Some people who use drugs do not share their drug use with their healthcare providers (examples: doctors or nurses) to avoid stigma.

### ABOUT THIS INFO

VIDUS and ACCESS are ongoing studies of people who use street drugs in Vancouver by the BCCSU.

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