

**HMA**

# Safe Supply Work Group

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2024

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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# Land Acknowledgement

We stand on the lands of the Chehalis, Chinook, Colville, Cowlitz, Duwamish, Hoh, Jamestown S’Klallam, Kalispel, Lower Elwha Klallam, Lummi, Makah, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Nooksack, Port Gamble S’Klallam, Puyallup, Quileute, Quinault, Samish, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoalwater Bay, Skokomish, Snoqualmie, Spokane, Squaxin Island, Stillaguamish, Suquamish, Swinomish, Tulalip, Upper Skagit, Wanapum, and Yakama tribes.







# AGENDA

- » Land Acknowledgement
- » Agenda Review
- » Introductions
- » Discussion
  - » Debrief
  - » Research questions
- » Next Steps

# HMA TEAM



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# MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- Pronouns (*optional*)
- Affiliation

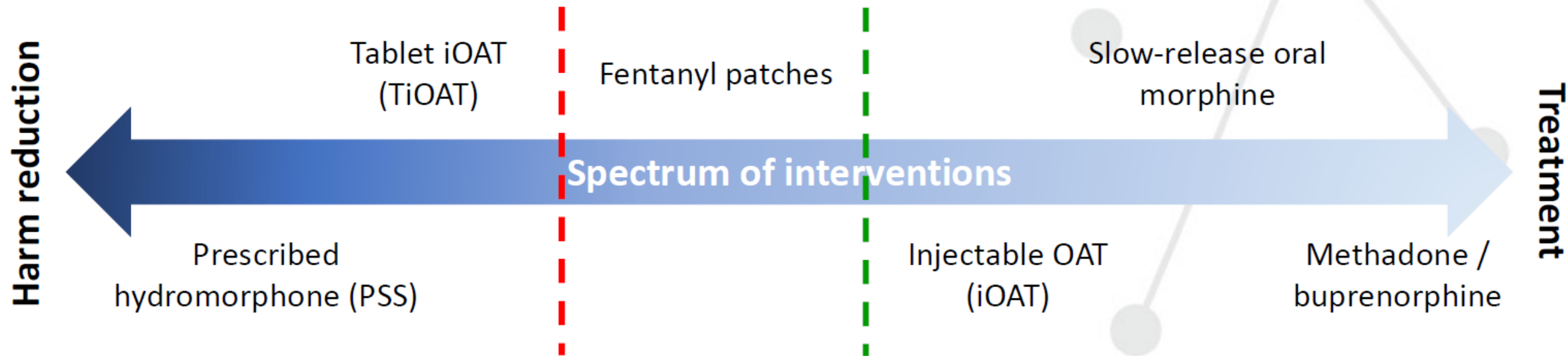


# PUBLIC COMMENT

- » The workgroup meetings of the Safe Supply Work Group are not subject to the WA Open Public Meetings Act
- » Members have requested the ability for non-members to participate, but in listen mode only
- » We would like to offer 5 minutes for public comment at this time. Please be respectful and brief in your remarks.
- » Please know that future meetings may be closed at the discretion of membership
- » Members may request a link to view recordings of missed meetings. Presentation PDFs will be shared with members after the meeting.

# DEBRIEF AND Q&A

**Health Canada:** Safer supply is defined as “providing prescribed medications as a safer alternative to the toxic illegal drug supply to people who are at high risk of overdose”.





# RESEARCH QUESTIONS FOR INFORMED DECISION MAKING

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1. Does safe supply impact overdose, both fatal and nonfatal?
2. Does safe supply contribute to drug diversion?
3. Are there other health and community impacts from safe supply programs? How does it impact quality of life?
4. Are there increased risks to individuals, communities, or entities who implement safe supply? Are there possible risk mitigation strategies?
5. How does safe supply fit into the context of historical over-prescribing of opioids?
6. Do intended benefits outweigh consequences?
7. What are implementation considerations?
8. What are the political considerations?
9. How can carriers support this work (e.g., workforce development, funding, diagnosis and billing codes, reimbursement)?
10. How will this be operationalized?
11. Is there a cost effectiveness to safe supply?
12. Does safe supply have impact on criminal activity? Does safe supply contribute to community safety?
13. What have other states and countries have done?



# BAROMETER CHECK

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- How knowledgeable do you feel about safe supply? What are your biggest information gaps?
- At this point in the work group, what do you see as the potential value of safe supply?
- At this point in the work group, what concerns do you have about safe supply?



# NEXT STEPS



**Dr. Geoff Bardwell**

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*Community Based Quality Researcher  
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» Presenter:

» A community-based qualitative health researcher who focuses primarily on opioid use, overdose prevention, and the implementation of public health interventions targeted toward people who use drugs.

» Survey

» Next meeting: May 23, 2024 at 8:30am – 10:00am