## Criteria

Eligibility considerations for injectable opioid agonist treatment include:

- Ability to consent to and fully understand the goals of treatment.
- Well-established history of injection drug use with opioids and severe opioid use disorder.
- 19 years of age and older.
- Current opioid injection drug use confirmed by patient report, signs of injection drug use, and documented opioidpositive urine drug tests.
- Able to attend clinic up to two times daily and self-administer medication under supervision For example, inject into a vein or muscle.

### Criteria continued...

- Past experience with prescribed oral agonist therapies such as Methadone, Suboxone, or slowrelease oral Morphine with evidence of regular and ongoing injection opioid use.
- Significant risk of medical consequences of injection drug use. For example, HIV positive and antiretroviral nonadherence, acute hepatitis, cardiopulmonary disease, severe mental health challenges and a history of multiple overdoses.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this program, please contact the SHOP Clinic.

604-583-5666

# **iOAT Clinic**Injectable Opioid Agonist Treatment

iOAT Clinic: 604-545-4030 Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Days: Monday to Sunday

> 10697 – 135A Street Surrey, BC V3T 5B7





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# **Overview**

Several randomized trials and studies have shown that injectable opioid agonist treatment, provided in dedicated clinics, is safe and effective when treating long-term chronic injecting opioid users when other available treatments have been ineffective.

In these studies, clients treated with hydromorphone showed improvements in a number of areas, including reductions in illicit heroin and cocaine use, decreased criminal activity, and improvements in physical and mental health.

# **Purpose**

- The purpose of this program is to: Actively engage clients twice a day in a healthcare setting while receiving iOAT with the support of nurses and harm reduction workers.
- Decrease illicit drug use.
- Stabilize addiction.
- Provide connections to other community resources.
- Create a sense of community.

# How it works

- Potential iOAT client is identified and referred to the SHOP clinic.
- Client attends appointment and meets with iOAT physician for screening, assessment, and intake.
- Following iOAT intake, client is connected with the Intensive Case Management Team (ICM).
- Client is then assigned to a group and time to visit clinic twice a day for injectable hydromorphone doses.



### **SHOP Clinic:**

10697 135A Street, Surrey 604-583-5666 (Office) Fax: 604-589-8873

Appointments: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Walk in: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday to Friday