

CASE DEFINITION FOR ACUTE LIFE-THREATENING HARMS RELATED TO ILLICIT/NON-MEDICAL USE OF OPIOIDS, STIMULANTS, OR SEDATIVES

Report any patient less than 18 years of age (up to their 18th birthday) requiring any of the following:

- Emergency department care, hospitalization, or admission to an intensive care unit (ICU)
- Resuscitation (e.g., naloxone) outside of hospital*

Due to either of the following:

- Use of an illicit/non-prescription opioid, stimulant, or sedative substance
- Non-medical use of a prescription opioid (e.g., codeine, hydromorphone, oxycodone), stimulant (e.g., psychostimulant), or sedative drug (e.g., benzodiazepine, barbiturate) (e.g., using prescription medication in a manner other than as prescribed, using prescription medication prescribed to someone else)

Exclusion criteria

- A condition due to inadvertent exposure to another person's substances (e.g., child accidentally ingesting an adult's substance)
- A condition resulting from use of an illicit substance during pregnancy/breastfeeding (information already captured elsewhere)
- A condition resulting from indicated use of medications prescribed to the patient for medical purposes
- A condition arising from accidental misuse of medications prescribed to the patient for medical purposes
- A condition resulting solely from the use of alcohol, cannabis, vaping, cigarettes, and/or tobacco products

** Children and adolescents who experienced a critical toxicity incident and received emergency resuscitation outside of hospital at the time of the incident (e.g., community-based naloxone administration) are also eligible for this study when they present for a first health care visit following resuscitation in the community.*