

# Emergency Department Visits for Drug Overdoses in Ottawa

## May 2017 Report

This report provides available monthly trend data on drug overdose-related emergency department visits. It provides information on the overdose-related emergency department visit trends relating to overdoses in the last 6 months.

The data used in this report is from:

- Drug overdose-related emergency department data
- Ottawa Paramedic Service naloxone administration data

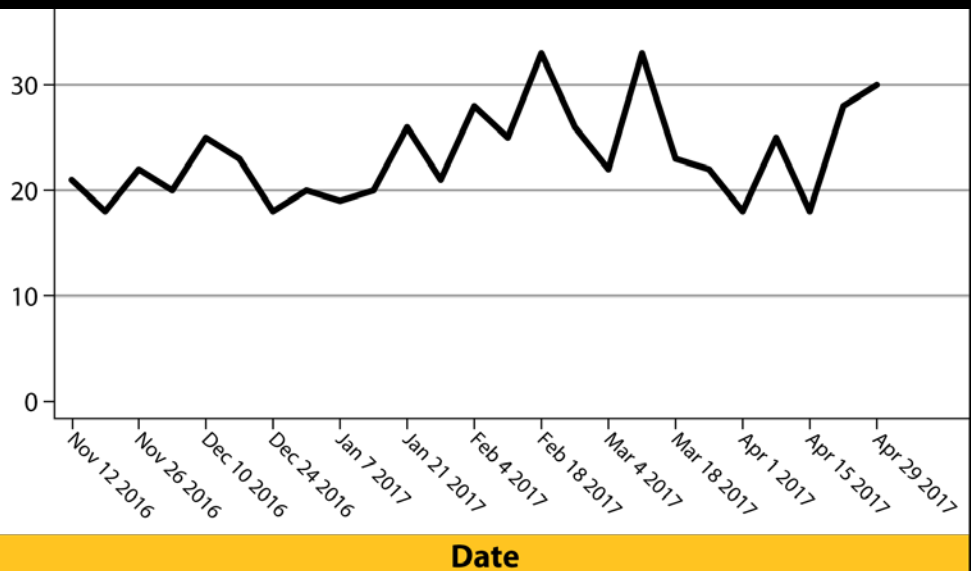
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### What are the emergency department (ED) overdose trends in the last 6 months?



The diagram on the right shows weekly counts of drug overdose-related emergency visits in Ottawa for the past 6 months among those aged 10 to 64. It only captures emergency department visits with life-threatening or potential life-threatening circumstances. It does not include people who overdose and do not access an emergency department.

ED visit count by week



### Drug overdose-related emergency department visits with life-threatening or potential life-threatening circumstances

#### Key points:

- Emergency department visits by week were stable in November and December 2016
- An increase started in January 2017, and returned to pre-2017 levels in late March 2017
- An increase started in early April 2017, and continued throughout the month

April 2017

**108** visits

2017 year to date

**423** visits

2016 Total

**1,122** visits



### Ottawa Paramedic Service Data: January 2017 to April 2017

April 2017

**19** # of patients administered naloxone by paramedics for suspected opioid overdose

2017 year to date

**56** # of patients administered naloxone by paramedics for suspected opioid overdose

**9-1-1**

An **OVERDOSE** is a medical emergency. Anyone that suspects or witnesses an overdose should immediately **CALL 9-1-1, even if Naloxone has been given.**