

The Nurse as Part of the Harm Reduction Team

Using the nurse's success with
supervised injection service to
promote integrated team and
services

The Dr. Peter Centre

- Only HIV/AIDS day health program and 24-hour care residence in B.C. It offers care and support to improve the overall health of people most in need.
- Comfort Care is holistic health care with a commitment to acceptance so that strength and hope are possible.

Nursing in Day Health

- Promote health and healthy behaviour through comprehensive nursing services based on a model of self-care
- Often first point of contact and able to engage because of physical care needs



Nurse as innovative leader

- Range of harm reduction services
- Inclusion of supervised injection
- Allowed for different relationship between client and nurse
- Opportunities for engagement
- Bridging with other disciplines

Developing the team

- Need for education and involvement
- Creation and support of an environment that encourages engagement and acceptance

Integration

- Inclusion of all staff in harm reduction services
- Continual dialogue

The Day Health Nursing Team

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