



# Media Advisory



DATE: Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## ***CPSS organizes 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Opioid Substitution Therapy Conference to Provide Health Care Stakeholders with Practical Tools and Information***



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<b>WHAT:</b>	<b><i>Saskatchewan Opioid Substitution Therapy Conference - Passion. Hope. Recovery.</i></b> A <a href="#">two-day conference</a> organized by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan addressing new trends in Opioid Substitution Therapy.
<b>WHO:</b>	Speakers from the Saskatchewan Opioid Agonist Therapy Program (OATP) as well as prominent physicians, pharmacists, nurses, counselors, medical students and other stakeholders from across the province involved in this type of therapy. Over 170 attendees.
<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>April 29-30, 2017</b> (see attached agenda for details)
<b>WHERE:</b>	Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK
<b>WHY:</b>	The CPSS is organizing an educational conference to assist stakeholders in dealing with addictions issues trending in Saskatchewan. The focus is on assisting individuals working with patients undergoing opioid substitution therapy to gain important information and insight for implementing Safe, Effective Harm Reduction. <i>(See attached conference agenda for more information.)</i>

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**PRESS OPPORTUNITIES:** Filming/photos will be allowed Saturday morning during Dr. Peter Butt's presentations on *The Process of Addiction* at 9:20 AM **or** during Dr. Morris Markentin's presentation on *Patient Assessment and Suitability* at 1:30 PM.

Media can arrange with Ms. Julia Bareham ahead of time to speak with various key stakeholders concerning their reaction to the conference by writing to [oatp@cps.sk.ca](mailto:oatp@cps.sk.ca). Time permitting, requests for additional interviews may be allowed periodically during lunches and breaks. Interviews requested in advance will be given priority. See below for contact information.

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