

Brief backgrounder:

One of the major adverse effects of alcohol and illicit drugs is their impact on injury. Substantial data to document this impact are available. In some areas the research is particularly strong, such as the impact of alcohol and drugs on motor vehicle collision risk. The teleconference will summarize information on alcohol and drug use in Canada, how that use is linked to injury, and what is known about effective prevention strategies. Please consider the following questions and post any related thoughts.

Questions:

1. Which substances are the most widely used in Ontario and Canada?
2. Which substances have the largest impact on injury rates?
3. What is the 'prevention paradox'?
4. Can alcohol- and drug-related injuries be prevented?

Our guest moderator is Dr. Robert Mann. Dr. Mann is a Senior Scientist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Toronto. Over the past 20 years, his research has included investigations of alcohol and drug impaired driving, including the impact of prevention and remedial activities.