Appendix B: Literature Review

Continuum of opioid use disorder care
Adapted from Table 1 of the Guideline for Clinical Management of Opioid Use Disorder available at bccsu.ca

**WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT**

**LOW**
If opioid use continues, consider treatment intensification.

**HIGH**
Where possible, simplify treatment.

**HARM REDUCTION**
Across the treatment intensity spectrum, evidence-based harm reduction should be offered to all, including:
- Education re: safer user of sterile syringes/needles and other applicable substance use equipment
- Access to sterile syringes, needles, and other supplies
- Access to Supervised Injection Sites (SIS)
- Take-Home-Naloxone (THN) kits

**TREATMENT INTENSITY**

**AGONIST THERAPIES**
- Buprenorphine/naloxone
- Methadone

**SPECIALIST-LED ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES**
- Slow-release oral morphine
- Diacetylmorphine
- Hydromorphone

Citations