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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Technical Committee for the Development of a CSA Standard on The Paramedic Response to the Opioid Crisis

Dear Stakeholders,

CSA Group and the Paramedic Association of Canada are pleased to announce the launch of a new standard's development project on the Paramedic response to the opioid crisis: education and training across the treatment and care continuum in out-of-hospital emergency and community settings (Z1650).

This new Standard will outline a comprehensive national framework for paramedic emergency and front-line response to the opioid crisis across the treatment and care continuum in out-of-hospital emergency and community settings that can be implemented by first responders across many jurisdictions within Canada. With a complementary education and training program and Community of Practice, this project will fill a critical need for prehospitalization care to help ease emergency department visits and hospitalizations related to opioid overdose. The uptake and dissemination of the Standard and education program will facilitate the delivery of evidence-informed quality care, including health promotion, opioid prevention, and harm reduction treatment services to Canadians dealing with substance use. This increased knowledge, raised awareness, and competency will equip paramedics and other first responders with the information needed to recognize and respond to emergency and overdose situations and save lives.

The proposed paramedic response to opioids standard will complement other related management system frameworks such as CSA's Z1630 (Community paramedicine: Framework for program development) and CSA Z1003.1 (Psychological health and safety in the paramedic service organization).

A Technical Committee is being established to undertake this work, and we are seeking interested experts to actively participate and contribute to the development of the Standard.

Requirements and Responsibilities of Technical Committee Members include:

- Strong interest and knowledge of the opioid crisis and community paramedic responses in a Canadian context;
- Ability to work in a multi-stakeholder environment, following the principles of consensus;
- Commitment to participate in committee work over a period of approximately 24 months, both remotely and in-person; and
- Commitment to collaboration and network with other stakeholders about the Standard.

If you are interested in participating as a Technical Committee member, please submit your intent using the link below. **All expressions of interest must be submitted using the following link no later than Tuesday, April 02, 2019.**

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[Paramedic Response to Opioids Technical Committee Membership Application](#)

If you know of a colleague who may be interested in participating as a technical committee member, feel free to share this document with them. CSA will review all applications over the coming month to confirm the Committee Membership and notify every one of their status.

The first Technical Committee meeting is being planned for June, 2019. Details will be confirmed to the accepted members.

We are excited about this project and look forward to receiving your expressions of interest in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

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