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Re: With B.C.'s Insite turning 10, it's time for the drug-policy debate to evolve, September 18

Bravo! André Picard's take on Insite — and what we should learn from it — is refreshingly astute. Set up to respond to a public health crisis, Insite has clearly had an impact by having nurses and other team members provide vulnerable populations with access to health and social services — a key goal of a harm reduction approach to treating addiction.

Let's use what we've learned from Insite to revise Bill C-65, the proposed federal legislation governing the establishment of supervised injection services. Bill C-65 makes it too difficult to incorporate supervised injection services into health care offered to people with addictions, and that needs to be amended. A true commitment to public health and safety would see the government introduce a bill based on the best evidence, designed to enhance access to prevention and treatment services — not one that builds barriers. Let's learn from Insite. Let's put harm reduction back in Canada's drug strategy.

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