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Yukon Health Status Report 2015 released

WHITEHORSE—Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley released the Yukon Health Status Report 2015 today. Minister of Health and Social Services then tabled the report in the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

The report, which is issued every three years, provides an overview of the health of Yukoners, including statistics on life expectancy, mortality, chronic disease prevalence, mental health and life satisfaction.

"This report gives us a comprehensive update on the health of Yukoners," Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon said. "The information contained in the report is a great reference for policy makers and others with an interest in the health status of Yukoners."

The 2015 report also includes a section that focuses on substance use in Yukon. The previous Yukon Health Status Report was released in 2012 and had a focus on children and youth.

"There is perhaps no public health issue more urgent for Yukoners than substance use, whether we are talking about tobacco, alcohol or drug use," Hanley said. "I am very pleased with this report, which should serve as a reliable reference source to improve our understanding of substance use in Yukon, its determinants and its effects."

The full report and factsheets that provide the report's highlights are available online.

Learn more: Yukon Health Status Report 2015: Focus on Substance Use

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