



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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#### **CPS position statement: Meeting the health care needs of street-involved youth**

Inadequate health care, education and advocacy for homeless and street-involved youth in Canada is one of this country's great unmet needs. This statement describes the scale of youth homelessness in Canada and reasons why youth turn to the street, risks of the 'street economy' and barriers to street-involved youth accessing health care.

#### **CPS practice point: Azithromycin use in paediatrics**

Azithromycin is one of the most common antibiotics prescribed by paediatricians for upper and lower respiratory tract infections in children. While it has proven benefits, some concerns about its use have developed in recent years. This practice point recommends that azithromycin not be used to treat acute pharyngitis, acute otitis media or community-acquired pneumonia in otherwise healthy children, except in very specific cases.

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