

First Nations, Inuit and Métis Knowledge Products

KP1. Guided by the Strategy, Driven by Community: The Red River Métis Path to Equitable Cancer Care

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Summary: The Red River Métis Cancer Strategy, developed by the Manitoba Métis Federation Health & Wellness Department provides a road map to improve the cancer journey for Red River Métis in Canada. Grounded in the voices of Red River Métis people with lived experience, it emphasizes distinctions-based and culturally safe care. The Strategy offers tools and resources to guide partners, health authorities, and policymakers in advancing prevention, care, and system change.

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KP2. Yukon First Nation Cancer Strategy Visual

Authors: Kira Makuk, Government of Yukon; Claudell Quintal, Carcross Tagish First Nation

Summary: A beaded outer circle surrounds Indigenous wellness and health through the eight traditional languages. The words, translated to “Our Way”, signify the inclusion of this vital link and demonstrates the collective effort of Yukon First Nations actively working to improve cancer care for their citizens.

The cultural safety ring speaks to the competence and importance of Indigenous cultural values, and the safety they bring in the context of cancer navigation. The circle shows that connection to healing during illness as well as to preventative care and overall health throughout our lives. An unbroken circle illustrates that we are stronger together. It represents family, friends, peers, co-workers and community surrounding a person going through a cancer journey.

Inspired by beadwork, this image is a reminder of the vital Traditional knowledge handed down through countless generations. The colors reflect the Yukon Territory’s natural landscape and the connection that Yukon First Nations peoples have with the land.

Content: [KP2. CCRC Submission_YFNCCP Cancer Strategy Visual.pdf](#)

KP3. Cancer Knowledge and Data – Truths and Commitments

Authors: Kira Makuk, Government of Yukon; Charlie Vera, Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation

Summary: Yukon First Nation Cancer Data is currently unavailable in the Yukon Cancer Registry due to the absence of a First Nations identifier. Our Oversight Committee has identified Yukon First Nation cancer data as a priority but wants to move this forward in a good way, ensuring that data governance and sovereignty are respected and maintained throughout this process.

The Truth and Commitment Document was developed by our Data and Knowledge Working Group to recognize the historical misuse and misrepresentation of First Nation peoples in data collection, use and reporting.

The commitments identify principals for working together in a good way and ensuring that the work we are doing does not contribute to potential future harm for Yukon First Nations.

Content: [KP3. CCRC Submission_YFNCCP_Cancer Knowledge and Data- Truths and Commitments.pdf](#)

KP4. Improving the Journey for Yukon First Nation Cancer Patients: First Nation Patient Navigation Pilot Programs in the Yukon

Authors: Kira Makuk, Government of Yukon; Ingrid Isaac, First Nation Health Programs at Yukon Hospital Corporation; Dawn Coles, First Nation Health Programs at Yukon Hospital Corporation; Government of Yukon Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Government

Summary: In February 2025, the Yukon launched their first Indigenous Patient Navigation program for cancer patients. This two-year pilot program is being offered in hospital, in partnership with the First Nation Health Program at Whitehorse General Hospital, and in community, in partnership with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Government.

Ingrid Isaac and Dawn Coles from First Nation Health Programs are in attendance to share about the history and programs offered in First Nation Health Programs, the current structure of the Cancer Care Navigator position, how they incorporate traditional and spiritual care in their work, and key accomplishments to date.

KP5. Cancer Screening for Wellness (Li Kaansayr Saapwapimiht Oochi Miyooayaan): A Métis Guide for Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancer Screening

Authors: Amanda Andrew, Otipemisiwak Métis Government; June Kima, Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Content: [KP5. Cancer Screening for Wellness \(Li Kaansayr Saapwapimiht Oochi Miyooayaan\).pdf](#)

Summary: This resource is a comprehensive cancer screening guide for Métis Albertans. It outlines the cancer screening guidelines, procedures, questions to ask at a screening appointment, how to access cancer screening, and more. The guide was informed through cancer screening research and gatherings and is part of the implementation of the Alberta Métis Cancer Strategy.

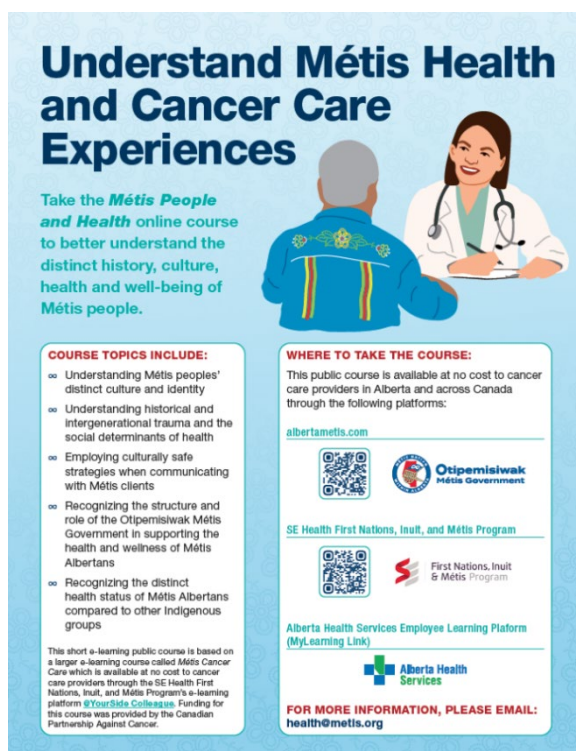
KP6. Cancer Care Course: Métis People and Health

Author: Amanda Andrew, Otipemisiwak Métis Government and June Kima, Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Summary: The Métis People and Health online course is targeted towards cancer care professionals in Alberta and across Canada. It provides an overview of who Métis people are, including their culture, history, approaches to health and well-being, and cancer care experiences.

Course Link: <https://albertametis.com/programs-services/health/health-research-and-advocacy/cancer-research/cancer-care-course-metis-people-and-health/>

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Understand Métis Health and Cancer Care Experiences

Take the **Métis People and Health** online course to better understand the distinct history, culture, health and well-being of Métis people.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Understanding Métis peoples' distinct culture and identity
- Understanding historical and intergenerational trauma and the social determinants of health
- Employing culturally safe strategies when communicating with Métis clients
- Recognizing the structure and role of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government in supporting the health and wellness of Métis Albertans
- Recognizing the distinct health status of Métis Albertans compared to other Indigenous groups

This short e-learning public course is based on a larger e-learning course called **Métis Cancer Care** which is available at no cost to cancer care providers through the SE Health First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Program's e-learning platform @YourSideColleague. Funding for this course was provided by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer.

WHERE TO TAKE THE COURSE:

This public course is available at no cost to cancer care providers in Alberta and across Canada through the following platforms:

albertametis.com

SE Health First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Program

First Nations, Inuit & Métis Program

Alberta Health Services Employee Learning Platform (MyLearning Link)

Alberta Health Services

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KP7. Implementing Traditional Healing for Cancer Control

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Summary: This presentation provides an overview of the Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'iyewigamig Mino-Bimaadiziwin (WNMB) project. This mixed methods project is guided by Indigenous methodologies and implementation science to understand the enablers and barriers to implementing traditional healing in an organizational setting, and the impacts of traditional healing on non-communicable disease.

KP8. Métis Culture, Knowledge and Science as a Framework for Building Youth Capacity to Prevent Cancer

Authors: Edna Desjarlais Kikino Family Resource Network; Anita LaRocque, Kikino Family Resource Network

KP9. Indigenous Alberta Healthy Communities Approach: KT Products to Support First Nations, Inuit & Métis

Author: Brenda Roland