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Relationships Before Results: Ethical Indigenous Engagement and Partnerships in Health and Social Service Systems to Improve Health, Wellness and Equity

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Join Us!

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12:00-1:30 PM ABT

About the Webinar

Meaningful improvements in health, wellness and equity begin with relationships. This webinar explores how respectful and ethical engagement with Indigenous people can strengthen health and social service systems and support meaningful change.

Participants will be introduced to Ethical Space, developed by Willie Ermine of Sturgeon Lake First Nation, and Etuaptmumk (Two-eyed Seeing), developed by Mi'kmaq Elder Albert Marshall. These approaches bring together Indigenous and Western ways of knowing to foster respectful dialogue, trust, reciprocity and shared decision-making.

The session will also introduce the PaIRLET (Patient-Oriented and Indigenous Research Level of Engagement Tool), a practical framework for assessing and strengthening Indigenous engagement, evaluating partnerships and supporting accountability.

Through discussion and practical examples, participants will gain tools to move beyond consultation toward authentic partnerships that meaningfully integrate Indigenous voices, leadership and knowledge into improving health, wellness and equity.

Featuring

Dr. Malcolm King is a citizen of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (Ontario) and a health researcher at the University of Saskatchewan. Prof. King served as Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health from 2009 to 2016, and is currently the Scientific Director of the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research. His research is aimed at improving wellness and achieving health equity for First Nations, Métis and Inuit through strengths-based approaches that respect self-determination and privilege Indigenous ways of knowing. Honoured with a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in 1999, he was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2016 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2021.

Dr. Alexandra King is PI on various CIHR research grants related to Indigenous people and their wellness. I also provide Indigenous leadership on several CIHR/TIPS/NFRF/SHHRC grants. I am a member of the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health Institute Advisory Board and the president-elect of the Canadian Association for HIV Research, after serving as their clinical science representative followed by treasurer.