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Keynote Speakers



Dr. Lindsay Crowshoe, MD

Situating Traditions and Traditional Medicine within a Broader Indigenous Healthcare Approach

Dr. Lindsay Crowshoe is a Piikani Nation band member, a First Nations physician, and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Calgary. Dr. Crowshoe provides clinical service to the urban Indigenous population of Calgary at the Elbow River Healing Lodge, an AHS primary health service model that he developed. He has contributed to health services policy and programs focusing on primary care service innovations for Indigenous people, and has provided input on Indigenous health issues at provincial and national levels within key governmental, health and research organizations. As an Indigenous health researcher, Dr. Crowshoe has experience leading provincial, national and international research teams focusing on primary care, public health and health education. Within the Cumming School of Medicine, he has concentrated on building policy and programming for effective recruitment of Indigenous students into medicine as well as teaching all medical learners on Indigenous health. Dr. Crowshoe has provided similar Indigenous health education input at the national level to the Association of Faculties of Medicine, the College of Family Physicians of Canada, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



Dr. Pierre S. Haddad, PhD

Integrative Health in a Canadian Indigenous Context: Combining Modern Science and Traditional Medicine to Optimize Diabetes Care and Prevention

Dr. Pierre Haddad is a tenured Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology at the Université de Montréal where he obtained his PhD in 1986 and returned as an independent researcher in 1990. He has authored over 140 peer-reviewed publications, two-thirds of which are on the subject of Natural Health Products (NHPs). In 2003, he successfully built the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Team in Aboriginal Antidiabetic Medicines, a multidisciplinary group of researchers studying the antidiabetic potential of plants used by the First Nations of Canada in their traditional medicine, which he still leads today. Dr. Haddad is recognized nationally and internationally for his work on NHPs and functional foods in the context of metabolic diseases such as obesity and diabetes. In May 2014, he received the prestigious Neil Towers Award from the NHP Research Society of Canada in recognition of his significant contributions to the field of NHPs. He helped develop an unprecedented comprehensive research agreement that is recognized internationally as an example of respectful collaboration between academic scientists and Indigenous knowledge holders, proper protection of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, and associated intellectual property rights. In 2015, Dr. Haddad was appointed to the Advisory Board of the American Botanical Council.