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Brief Talks



Dr. Cheryl Barnabe, MD, MSc, FRCPC

What is Missing? Cultural Aspects of Health and Wellness in Arthritis Management

Dr. Barnabe is a Métis rheumatologist with a graduate degree in clinical epidemiology. She is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary. Her research program is defining the burden of rheumatic disease afflicting the Indigenous populations of Canada, while co-developing promising health services interventions to bridge care gaps that exist. She is the principal investigator of the Alberta Indigenous Mentorship in Health Innovation (AIM-HI) Network, a CIHR funded program to recruit and retain Indigenous scholars in health research.



Dr. Richard Oster, PhD

Building a Collaborative, Community-Based Research Partnership with an Indigenous Community: Reflections from the ENRICH First Nations Project

Dr. Oster is a Research Associate for the ENRICH research group at the University of Alberta, Department of Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science. He uses mixed methods and community-based approaches to address Indigenous health concerns related to diabetes and other chronic diseases, pregnancy and maternal health outcomes, and the social determinants of health. Richard also works for Alberta Health Services as the senior project manager for the MERCK for Mothers project, which aims to improve Indigenous maternal health in Alberta through community-based initiatives.



Jazmine Drost, MPH, MA

Collaboration to Inform Strategic Planning: Developing the Alliances to Expand the Traditional Indigenous Sweat Lodge within Alberta Health Services

Jazmine is currently working as a Health Promotion Facilitator II in Chronic Disease Prevention and Oral Health within Alberta Health Services. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from the University of Alberta, a Master of Public Health from the University of Saskatchewan, and a Master of Arts in Leadership from Royal Roads University. Through these programs she has developed a keen interest in systems thinking and the broader social determinants of health and health equity. She believes all Canadians have a role to play in advancing reconciliation and has volunteered locally with the Calgary Urban Aboriginal Initiative and completed a thesis surrounding Indigenous healing practices.



Dr. Angeline Letendre, RN, PhD

Engaging Elder/Knowledge Holders in Support of Cancer Research with Indigenous Communities Across Alberta

Dr. Letendre is Cree-Metis from Alberta and works as the Indigenous Community stream scientist at Alberta Health Services Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund (ACPLF). Working in collaborative partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis (FNIM) peoples across Alberta, Angeline supports the development and implementation of cancer prevention and screening research that may then be integrated into appropriate strategy, services and program delivery. Dr. Letendre also co-leads several funding proposals to the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer that focus on the creation of a regional and national Indigenous cancer strategy to support improved cancer outcomes for Indigenous people through the development of systems changes that include increased availability and alignment of FNIM medicines and healing alongside Western medicines and healing. Angeline is national chair for the 2019 World Indigenous Cancer Conference and is currently the Research Chair for the Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association.