

TOP DOWN vs. COMMUNITY - DRIVEN: INDIGENOUS HEALTH POLICY IN CANADA

Dr. Shannon Waters and Dr. Pierre-Gerlier (PG) Forest will share their extensive experience with the development and implementation of Indigenous health policy in Canada. Presenters will discuss the roles of traditional knowledge, politics, community-driven approaches and research & surveillance in the development of Indigenous health programming and Indigenous health policy at federal and provincial levels. As Indigenous peoples reclaim their health, and with the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care (the Romanow Report), the presenters will discuss the complexities that arise when efforts are made to incorporate multiple voices in the creation of Indigenous health policy from the grassroots level.



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Dr. Shannon Waters is Coast Salish and a member of Stz'uminus First Nation on Vancouver Island. She completed the First Nations Family Practice Program at the University of British Columbia and was honoured to work as a family doctor close to her home in Duncan, BC. After two years in family practice Shannon returned to school and completed her specialty training in Public Health and Preventive Medicine. For four years she worked as the Director of Health Surveillance at First Nations and Inuit Health Branch and, more recently, at First Nations Health Authority as the Acting Senior Medical Officer for Vancouver Island Region.



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