A collaborative approach to supporting an indigenous health curriculum in Canada

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Agenda

- Background information
- Comparison of a wiki versus a subject guide
- National indigenous wiki collaboration?
- Future steps
Background Information

- Partnership between the Association of Faculties of Medicine in Canada and the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada

- Framework (2010)

- First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Health: Core Competencies Implementation Toolkit for Undergraduate Medical Education
McGill’s Supporting Role

- Indigenous Health Curriculum Committee
- Committee members
- Indigenous subject guide
- Course elective wiki
Welcome to the McGill Indigenous Health Resources Wiki

Indigenous Elective for Physicianship 4

This new elective will use a holistic approach to introduce students to issues in Indigenous Health in Canada. The goal is to help students develop an understanding of the history of Indigenous peoples and how colonization and the social determinants of health impact overall health and illness. The elective will foster the recognition of students own values, increase decolonizing knowledge, cultural awareness and skills to help students to provide culturally safe care to future Indigenous patients.

The first two sessions on Indigenous history and residential schools will be given by Aboriginal health professionals. This will be followed by visits and interactive sessions with front line workers, community members and health professionals in Montreal based Indigenous organizations and visits to the community directed health organisations in the neighbouring Mohawk community of Kahnawake.

Syllabus
- Background information
- Mandatory Readings
- Additional Optional Readings
- Physicianship Schedule
- Contact Information

mcgillindigenoushealth.pbworks.com
Indigenous Health

Sources for Background Information

- Colonizing bodies: aboriginal health and healing in British Columbia, 1900-50
- Healing traditions: The mental health of Aboriginal people in Canada
- The James Bay experience: A guide for health professionals working among the Cree of Northern Quebec
- Traditional medicine in contemporary contexts protecting and respecting indigenous knowledge and medicine
- Aboriginal health in Canada: historical, cultural, and epidemiological perspectives

Core Databases

- Medline
- PubMed
- CINAHL

Additional Databases

- PsycINFO
- Web of Science
- Scopus
- Embase
- Native Health Database
- First Nations Periodical Index
- Native American Ethnobotany Database
- Arctic Science and Technology Information System
National wiki?

- Canadian collaboration?

Resources
- databases specific to indigenous health
  - e.g. Native Health Database
  - Native American Ethnobotany Database
- government information and departments
- organizations
  - e.g. National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO)
    - The First Nations Information Governance Centre
- patient information
- statistics and data
- indigenous health news
Involvement

Participants to a national indigenous health wiki could include:

- indigenous communities and organizations
- post secondary institutions
- government organizations
- NGOs
- physicians, librarians, professors
- general population with an interest involving indigenous health
- others?
Future plans

Once the wiki is established, future plans or sections could include:

- other sections related to indigenous health
  e.g. law, ethics, geography, etc
- tribal information
- international indigenous health websites

- other suggestions?
Thank you!

- Comments/suggestions are welcome!

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