

LCC Session – Indigenous Health in Canada CanMEDS Role: Health Advocate, Communicator

Goals:

This session is designed partially as an opportunity to debrief from the residential school survivor series visit, and partially as an opportunity to integrate what you have learned from the academic half day with health practice. How will what you've learned help you to provide culturally safe care for Indigenous patients? This session will be held as an informal talking circle, in order to create an opportunity for everyone to feel comfortable sharing their opinions. For more information visit:

https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/aswt/talkingtogether/facilitated_talking_circle_fact_sheet.html

Preparation Materials:

Prior to the session, please complete the following:

1. Attend March 21, 2018 AHD – an Immersive Indigenous Learning Experience
2. Please listen to the following interview, from the podcast White Coat, Black Art. Dr. Marcia Anderson DeCoteau, an Indigenous physician, who discusses her experiences with the healthcare system from both sides, as a physician and as her father's advocate when he was in the emergency department: <http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2410900771/>
3. Please read the First Peoples, Second Class Treatment Executive Summary: <http://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Summary-First-Peoples-Second-Class-Treatment-Final.pdf> (or at least the key messages)
4. Please read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action (particularly #18-24, related to health): http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

Additional Resources:

1. TEDx: The Impact of Residential Schools on Aboriginal Healthcare, presented by Dawn Tisdale, a nurse of Mi'kmaq ancestry: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMvn_mSsykE
2. TEDx: Indigenous Knowledge to Close Gaps in Indigenous Health: Dr. Marcia Anderson DeCoteau, a physician of Cree-Saulteaux ancestry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IpKjtujtEYI>

Pre-Session Preparation:

Prior to this session, we ask that you reflect on your experiences at the Woodland Cultural Centre (if you were able to attend), and in caring for Indigenous patients. How did the experience make you feel? What are some experiences you've had, either positive or negative, in engaging with Indigenous patients? How do you think we can provide safe care for Indigenous patients?