



Off the Road Less Travelled



Primary Care Community
Paramedicine within Indigenous
Remote and Isolated Canadian
Communities

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Acknowledgment

- Gathered on the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people

Disclosure/Conflicts

- No Disclosures or conflicts to declare



PARAMEDIC

“The most flexible and adaptable health care provider in the ‘new’ health care system.”





The Paramedic





The Community Paramedic





The Remote/Isolated Community Paramedic





Historical Context

- Lobbying federal government (Health Canada becomes ISC)
- Need identified = Federal response = Position
- Indigenous access to appropriate “in community” care is not adequate
- 30% Nurse, Nurse Practitioner and Physician vacancy rate
- 36% Home and Community Care vacancy rate
- Traditional service model no longer meeting needs
- Alternative models of care needed based on unique community needs





Role of Paramedic Portfolio Manager

- Advise Minister's office on policy, programming, education, and development recommendations
- Developmental schemes
- Engage local stakeholders (tribal councils, politicians, health directors, elders, etc)
- Engage Pan-Provincial and Territorial stakeholder (Paramedic associations, Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, Public Safety Canada, etc)
- Execution strategy (provincial versus federal body)
- Community needs assessments with exploration of models of care
- Process mapping around development schemes
- Transport development
- Develop program scope, objectives, and targets
- CSA Health in North Community Paramedic Standard - Tuktoyaktuk NWT
- Align Round Lake Mattawapit Coroners recommendations



Community Paramedics in the North Definitions

- Community Paramedics are a versatile health care provider who focus on 'in community' primary care and prevention.
- Services span the continuum of care including such activities as health promotion and education, injury prevention and life skills development, harm reduction, emergency response, resuscitation, and palliative care.
- Skilled at community engagement, developing community capacity through active case finding, the identification of gaps, and working with existing resources to implement solutions.
- Ability to provide services in differing environmental contexts from in-home, in-clinic, in-hospital, and multiple varying austere environments.





Goals in Community

- Increasing community member's access to care,
- Decreasing emergent treatment and hospitalizations,
- Increasing client sense of safety and wellbeing,
- Providing treatment in-situ,
- Reducing admissions to long-term care facilities.
- Honouring palliative patients cultural and traditional wishes in home/community
- Leveraging technology (remote patient monitoring, tele/video consulting)













Welcome to
Round Lake!!!!!!



















Ontario Current Status

- Discussions regarding the community paramedic role are in progress across Ontario Region including topics such as building youth capacity, service infrastructure and integration with First Nations, provincial services, and Indigenous Services Canada providers.

- Nishnawbe Aski Nation Transition Team,
- Weeneebayco Health Authority Paramedic Service,
- Chiefs of Ontario,
- North Cariboo Lake First Nation,
- Keewaytinook Okimakanak,
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine,
- Algonquin College,
- Northern College



As well as provincial Indigenous Paramedic Chiefs, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, Paramedic Chiefs of Canada.



Ontario Next Steps

- Continue engagement and education of partners regarding the role of Community Advanced Care Community Paramedics in community care. Nishnawbe Aski Nation Transition Team is tentatively scheduled for early June 2019.
- Face-to-Face discussion with Paramedicine subject matter experts, community leaders, partners, and educators has been submitted and tentatively scheduled for the Fall 2019.
- Renewal of Interchange Canada Agreement to continue the work of the Paramedic Portfolio Manager.
- Salary parity to nursing occupation
- Resourcing communities for multi-year Community Paramedic development schemes is critical to success.



Question or Comments?

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