

**March 19th 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Si'em Lelum Gymnasium, 5574 River Rd, Duncan, BC**

**A Coming Together of Health Systems:  
*Dialogue between Traditional Practitioners,  
Indigenous Community Members and Health Professionals***

Share perspectives and engage in an open and respectful dialogue with traditional practitioners, patients, Indigenous community members, caregivers, and health professionals to improve our BC health system.

This collaboration between the UBC Faculty of Medicine Digital Emergency Medicine, First Nations Health Authority, Island Health and Vancouver Coastal Health seeks to better inform Island Health care centers about incorporating traditional medicine into everyday practice, gathering physician input and perspectives in system redesign, and optimizing the health and wellness of all patients and families.

**Session Objectives**

1. Inform Island Health about best practices for incorporating traditional medicine from a community and physician perspective.
2. Improve health professional understanding of traditional healing and the role of traditional practitioners.
3. Introduce traditional practitioners' perspectives to shift practices and incorporate traditional healing into the delivery of health care in acute care settings.
4. Invite Indigenous patients, caregivers and communities to share their perspectives and vision of attaining health and wellness.
5. Identify areas for improvement in current processes in hospitals, emergency departments and other acute settings in BC to honor patient requests for access to traditional practitioners.

**Anticipated Outcomes**

1. Improve participants' appreciation of other perspectives, and expand their thinking of how to attain "patient-centered care" through traditional practices and acute care.
2. Generate ideas and insight on how to best shape policies and strategies in acute care settings to facilitate access to traditional practitioners and practices for patients who request it.
3. Establish suggestions for developing a practical toolkit for health professionals to use when interacting with traditional practitioners.

**Join the Dialogue**

Register by contacting **Jon Rabeneck** ([Jon.Rabeneck@fnha.ca](mailto:Jon.Rabeneck@fnha.ca)) or **Penny Cooper** ([Penelope.Cooper@viha.ca](mailto:Penelope.Cooper@viha.ca)). Registration open until March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

Doors open for coffee and registration at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments and lunch are included.  
*Please check your email the evening before the workshop for event updates.*

**InterCultural Online Health Network (iCON)**

iCON is an initiative led by UBC Department of Emergency Medicine Digital Emergency Medicine, supported by the B.C. Ministry of Health's Patients as Partners Initiative that aims to improve patient care using technology to share knowledge and promote culturally safe care. In working to facilitate culturally meaningful care, Vancouver Coastal Health and UBC Digital Emergency Medicine's iCON initiative jointly created a video introducing First Nations and Indigenous Traditional Practitioners into the hospital. View the video online at [www.iconproject.org](http://www.iconproject.org).