

Alberta Children's Hospital – Indigenous Hospital Liaison

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Provide inpatient support to indigenous patients and families.
- Incorporate their traditional and spiritual practices during their hospital stay.
- Coordinate use of ceremony room (sacred space).
- Coordinate smudging in the patient room when requested by families.
- Refer to the Traditional Wellness Coordinator as needed.
- Make referrals on and off the reserve and provide resource/contact information on indigenous specific resources. Such as NIHB, First Nations Health Consortium and Jordan's Principle.
- Advocate for the patient and their families.
- Help plan and support the patients discharge from hospital.
- Establish supportive relationships with patients and families.
- Provide referral support to connect patients and families to culturally safe and traditional healing resources and services.
- Consult the healthcare providers about indigenous centered practices and care.
- Services are available Monday through Friday from 8 AM – 4 PM, except statutory holidays. Unit staff can consult the on-call social worker on weekends and statutory holidays for NIHB supports.

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Multi-site - Traditional Wellness Coordinator

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Cultural Support/Spiritual Guidance and Healing
- Create a safe space for Smudging/Prayers/Blessings
- Elder Support/Connection to Elder
- Emotional/Psychosocial support
- End of life support to patient and family
- Share knowledge about Cultural Traditions, Sacred Medicines and Protocols
- Ceremony Policy Education
- Youth Cultural Connections and Support
- Translation
- Advocacy (voice for the voiceless)
- Build meaningful relationships with patient, family and AHS staff
- Assist with special events within AHS

Contact Information:

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