

Aboriginal Cancer Care Unit

Community Learning Series Feedback and Input

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• Purpose:

- To provide ACCU feedback and input into the design of the community learning series on cancer. To gain insight into some of the challenges experienced at the grassroots level when working with cancer services.

Objective:

- Review the proposed content of the learning series and provide comments on the following areas: design, content, and implementation.



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Vision:

"Honouring the Aboriginal Path of Well-being"

Mission:

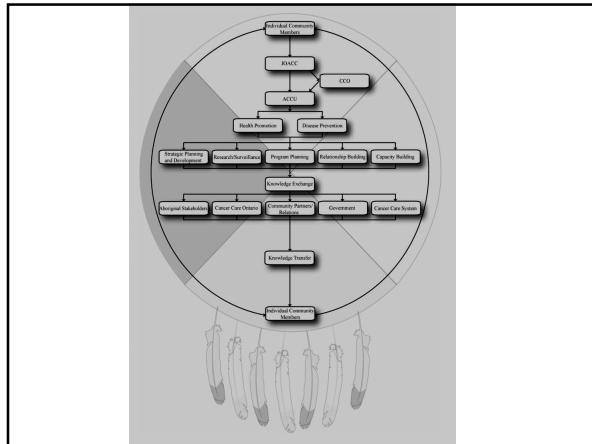
The ACCU is responsible for developing and building an Aboriginal Cancer Strategy by basing it on a holistic approach to cancer prevention, screening and research. The Unit will accomplish this through tracking policies, environmental scanning, developing training modules, establishing partnerships, networking with regions, implementing community-based pilot projects and creating linkages on Aboriginal cancer issues.

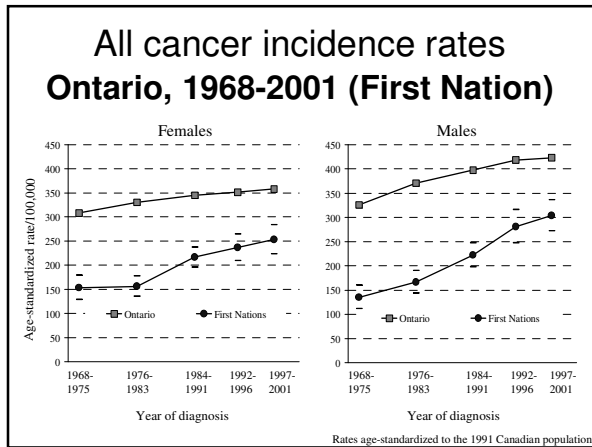
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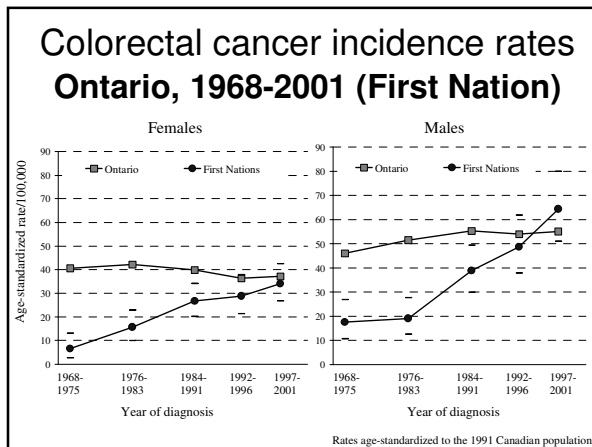
Reduce the incidence of cancer among Ontario's Aboriginal populations.



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Community Learning Series

A Framework for discussion



Community Learning Series Core Objectives of 2006 – 2007

Goal:

To create sustainable capacity within First Nations and Métis communities to respond to their colorectal cancer health care and educational needs.

Objectives:

To increase the communities' knowledge and understanding of the current cancer system

To build internal capacity for the communities to respond to their cancer care needs

To provide training to First Nation and Métis health care providers that encompass prevention, promotion, treatment, awareness and education components



Community Learning Series

Program Outcomes:

- The community members will have an enhanced understanding of the current cancer system as it pertains to colorectal cancer
- To provide capacity for First Nation and Métis health workers to sustain ongoing educational training to their community members as it pertains to colorectal cancer
- To provide health workers tools and resources to facilitate knowledge transfer to community members



Community Learning Series Building Capacity

- communities will have a better understanding of the Ontario cancer system as it pertains to colorectal cancer
- the Aboriginal health care providers are able to competently deliver the colorectal learning series to their community members
- ACCU will provide them with the necessary tools to educate their community members
- The communities will be provided the necessary training and tools in order to implement the education series to their community members



Potential Topics to be Included in the Learning Series

- What is colorectal cancer?
- Outline the symptoms of colorectal cancer
- How to talk to your doctor
- Prevention Strategies
- Screening Modalities
- Treatment Options
- Resources and support for families members
- Outlining Aboriginal specific statistics on cancer



Potential Topics to be Included in the Learning Series — cont'd

- Pain management (Alternative Healing)
- Non-insured health benefits
- Discharge planning
- After-care and follow-up
- Types of Health Care providers in the cancer system (oncologists, social workers, surgeons, dieticians etc.)



Community Learning Series Proposed Implementation

- This learning series will be structured according to a train the educator format
- Designed and presented in PowerPoint format
 - Ensure appropriateness to local needs
 - Saved presentation in a memory stick will be left with participants as an adaptable resource
- It will include exercises and small group interaction
- Will be delivered by ACCU's Health Promotion team
- Training to be provided in 2 sessions so that trainees are not overwhelmed with the information received, allows time to process the information and initiate community implementation

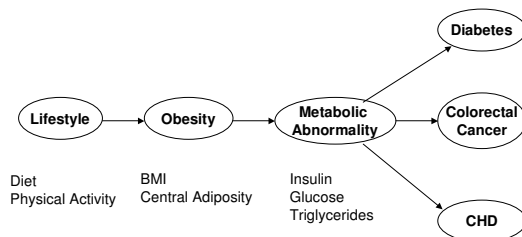


Community Learning Series Knowledge Transfer

- Target Audience for Training:
 - ACCU will work with front line workers
 - The workers will be responsible for disseminating the information to their clients
 - We are forecasting to have approximately 2 to 4 days of training available
 - ACCU will work with front line staff to ensure there is comfort with the information presented



Pathways to Disease



Source: Gail McKeown-Eyssen, PhD, UofT, Dept. Of Nutritional Science



We Need Your Input

- **Screening**

- What currently exists in your communities for breast, cervical, colorectal screening?
- What are the barriers to screening experienced by your community members?
- What suggestions do you have to improve the system?



We Need Your Input

- What health programs do you offer through your Health Centres?
- What workers do you currently have in your organization who may work with clients who have cancer and their families?
 - **Examples: AHWS workers, LTC workers, PSWs**



Questions for Discussion

Community Learning Series
Framework



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Feedback and Input

• **Question #1:**

Do you think a model like this would be useful to the community members that you work with? Why or why not?



Community Learning Series

Feedback and Input

- **What topics would you like to learn more about with respect to cancer?**
- **Do you have any suggestions on how to creatively implement a learning series such as this in the Aboriginal communities across Ontario?**
 - How might front line workers disseminate/transfer knowledge to their community members?



- **What supports/resources do you feel are required to implement a learning series like this at grassroots level?**
- **Can you see any challenges we might encounter when implementing a learning series such as this at grassroots?**



Thank-you

Your feedback and input was greatly
appreciated



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