

# *KO TELEMEDICINE PRESENTS*

*NATIVE CODE OF ETHICS*

*KOTM SEVEN TEACHINGS*



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Telemedicine"

# KO Telemedicine Native Code of Ethics





# Introduction

*In order to deliver KOTM in a holistic, community driven and culturally appropriate way, KO Telemedicine acknowledges that we need to educate our staff in the teachings of our ancestors and refresh the memories of their guidance. We have tried to preserve the teachings by not changing their words.*



# Respecting Different Cultures



As Aboriginal people it is important to identify who we are as people and to understand our culture and family values. Each race or ethnic origin has different ways of doing things. These native codes of ethics were passed down by our ancestors.

# Give Thanksgiving



*Each morning upon rising and each evening before sleeping,  
give thanks for the life within you and for all life, for the opportunity to  
grow a little more each day.*

# Consider your thoughts

*Consider your thoughts and actions of the past day and seek for the courage and strength to be a better person. Seek for things that will benefit everyone.*





# RESPECT

*Respect means:  
to “feel or show honor or esteem  
for someone or something, to  
consider the well-being of,  
or to treat someone or something  
with deference or courtesy.”*



# *Showing Respect is a Basic Law of Life*

*Treat every person from the tiniest child to the oldest Elder with respect at all times. Special respect should be given to Elders, parents, teachers and community leaders.*





# *Avoid hurting*

No person should be made to feel “put down” by you; avoid hurting other hearts as you would avoid a deadly poison.



# *Respect the Privacy of Others*



*Touch nothing that belongs to someone else especially sacred objects without permission or an understanding between you. Respect the privacy of every person. Never intrude on a person's quiet moment or personal space.*

# *Respect the People Around You*



*Never walk between people who are talking.*

*Never interrupt people who are talking.*

*Do not speak unless invited to at gatherings where Elders are present.*

*Remain silent until an Elder has finished speaking.*



# Communication

*Never speak about others in a negative way, whether they are present or not.*

*Show deep respect for the beliefs and religions of others.*

*Listen with courtesy to what others say, even if you feel that what they are saying is worthless. Listen with your heart.*



# Wisdom

*Respect the wisdom of the people in council. Once you give an idea to a council or a meeting, it no longer belongs to you. It belongs to the people.*



# *Be Truthful*



*Be truthful at all times, and under all conditions the hurt of one is the hurt of all.*



# *Treat your guests with honor*



*Always treat your guests with honor and consideration. Give your best food, the best part of your house and your best service to your guests. Receive strangers and outsiders with a loving heart as members of the human family.*

# *All races must be respected*



*All the races and tribes in the world are like the different colored flowers of one meadow. All are beautiful, as children of the Creator, they must all be respected.*

# *Serve others*



*To be of some use to family, community, nation or the world, is one of the main purposes for which human beings have been created.*

*Do not fill yourself with your own affairs and forget your most important Task. True happiness comes only to those who dedicate their lives to the service of others.*



# Observe

*Observe moderation and balance in all things. Know those things that lead to your well-being, and those that lead to your destruction.*



# *Listen*



*Listen to and follow the guidance given to your heart.*

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