

KO Telemedicine Seven Teachings



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Introduction

KOTM will remember and accept the seven gifts given to us by the creator and integrate them into our daily lives and work place. It is our responsibility to take care of the earth and community way of life so that the earth and everything the Creator put on earth will always be here for future generations.



Elder's quote

“We are forgetting the teachings given to us. Our young people are not taught to pray and give thanksgiving. We need to go back to the elders to give us direction and balance. Our leaders are young; they also need to listen and learn.”



The Seven Teachings and Their Definitions

1. *Love: To love all our brothers and sisters and share with them.*
2. *Respect: To respect all human persons and all that was created.*
3. *Responsibility: To do things even in the difficult times.*
4. *Truth: Be true in everything that you do. Be true to yourself and true to your fellow man. Always speak the truth.*
5. *Holistic: Treating the whole community.*
6. *Humility: To teach us that we are equal to everyone else; no better or no less.*
1. *Wisdom: Learn to help our people.*

Love

KOTM will show love to the communities by continuing to actively practice the shared principles which guides KOTM and First Nations Community Agreements by:

- *Committing to the vision of KOTM: **KO Telemedicine will improve health for all First Nations communities through a sustainable First Nations Telemedicine program that is holistic, community-driven and culturally appropriate.***
- *Understanding that The Agreement recognizes the importance of sharing ideas, working collaboratively, and having open communications on the provision of Telemedicine services in each First Nation.*
- *Promoting the self-determination of each First Nations community and the Agreement recognizes the unique traditions and norms of First Nations and acknowledges that KO Telemedicine will support the community to develop Telemedicine services that best meet the needs of community members.*

Respect

- *KOTM will show respect by:*
 - *Engaging First Nations health leadership and Federal/Provincial stakeholders to establish a sustainable Telemedicine service.*
 - *Working with mutual respect and trust with the all First Nations and governments.*
 - *Accepting the choices First Nations people make regarding telemedicine.*



Responsibility

It is KOTM's responsibility to meet the requirements of all First Nations partnerships on:

- *Operations*
- *Staffing: Training and Professional Development*
- *Providing equipment upon utilization of KOTM*
- *Utilization of the KNET public network to distribute health education and training to community staff.*
- *Continuing to partnership with Ontario Telemedicine Network to provide private and secure clinical services.*



Trust

- *KOTM will gain the people's trust by:*
 - *Instilling the Information Protection Act*
 - *Ensuring Privacy and Confidentiality through the protection of personal health information in compliance with Ontario's Personal Health*
 - *Working towards sustainability: Will work with First Nations and other stakeholders to support the ongoing quality and viability of the Telemedicine network.*



Holistic

KOTM acknowledges that we need a higher power in developing a holistic program as our ancestors believed. We will develop holistic programs by:

- *Acknowledging and supporting the community to develop Telemedicine services that best meet the needs of community members;*
- *Promoting and partnering KOTM to every community that requests our help;*
- *Uniting and working with different local health resources in each community such as the Band Council, our Elders, churches, and local schools; and*
- *Partnering and respecting all government agencies whose mandate is to serve and deliver capacity building for the benefit of our people.*



Humility

- *KOTM Program will show humility by:*
 - *Respecting leadership and Elders' decisions.*
 - *Speaking the truth at all times.*
 - *Being honest and patient.*
 - *Learning from our mistakes.*
 - *Adhering to the KOTM and First Nations Agreement by promoting mutual understanding on the responsibilities of the partners in the development and delivery of Telemedicine services in First Nations communities.*



Wisdom

KOTM will show wisdom by:

- *Honoring and serving our people as historically practiced in the Clan System.*
- *Being a role model as leaders of First Nations Telemedicine.*
- *Sharing our personal stories and best practices.*
- *Being patient and offering our friendship and never refuse a request for help from a community in need.*



Jeremiah McKay, 84 yrs

Big Trout Lake

“I have met and worked with many people and it is important to have the same mind, work together equally with all communities. Make sure that all communities have the same rules and regulations for Telehealth. Unite all communities with one strong mind and what you are working for will never be severed. But if one community wants to go their own way, it will destroy the program.”



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