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Community-Informed Health Promotion Interventions with Indigenous Communities

Message from the Guest Editors

Community-informed health promotion interventions with Indigenous communities prioritize cultural relevance, trust-building, and community engagement to address persistent health disparities. Key obstacles to relevant intervention design and continuous programming include limited (or absence of) local or cultural guidance, failure to address persistent systemic inequities or develop plans for sustainability, and inadequate access to resources, e.g., time for collaborative program development and engagement of traditional knowledge holders. The literature offers cases of adapted programs developed for non-Indigenous communities, yet community campus teams have few examples of effective, sustained interventions that are co-designed with community collaborators and integrate traditional knowledge, values, and practices into the program, from design to implementation and through dissemination. This Special Issue is designed to showcase approaches and methods used by community campus teams to form a consensus on the application of traditional knowledge in order to align with local cultural contexts and to share outcomes and strategies for sustainability.

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