Celebrating Indigenous Communities Compassionate Traditions

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“Recognize and accept the federal government role as a direct provider of health care to certain populations under federal responsibility and ensure appropriate programs and funding for these populations, most especially for our First Nations and Inuit peoples.”

Honourable Sharon Carstairs
Raising the Bar: A Roadmap for the Future of Palliative Care in Canada, June 2010
First Nations Community Partners

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The Power to Choose

Video
https://vimeo.com/95293171
"The pine tree symbolizes the Tree of Peace. The branches provide protection and the white roots spread in the four directions of the earth. The eagle on top is a spiritual being that warns of impending danger and is a symbol of strength. The eagle watches over all and is a connection to the Creator. The colours of the sun can be a sunrise or a sunset which gives us hope."

Six Nations of the Grand River Territory Advisory Committee
First Nations Communities
Experiences in Providing Care
Six Nations of the Grand River Territory
“You hear everyone say well they passed away at home in their bed, and that just makes you feel so good ... that was nice, it happened the way they wanted it, but some of us don’t have that choice, we’re taken away too soon.”

Six Nations Knowledge Carrier
Naotkamegwanning First Nation
“But I guess she kind of, prepared us. I guess you can probably say without telling us that she was passing away, but she kind of prepared us because she told us, she called us all of the time, all the time, all the time. So the day when she passed away none of us shed a tear. Because we’d already… Without knowing, us knowing that she knew”.

Naotkamegwanning Community Member
EOLFN Research Outcomes

- New Guidelines for Policy/Decision Makers and Practitioners
- Four examples of First Nations Palliative Care Programs, including evaluation of process and outcomes
- New Tools and Resources for Program development and Delivery
- Increased collaboration between Federal and Provincial health services
- Advocacy for Gaps in Service (resources, medication, equipment, funding for palliative care through H&CC, LHIN)
- Created Palliative Care in First Nations Communities Stakeholder Alliance
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