



The O'Brien Institute for Public Health &
the Department of Community Health Sciences present:

Battling the Opioid Crisis through an Indigenous Lens

Speaker: Esther Tailfeathers

Friday, November 24, 2017 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.

G500 - Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW

The opioid crisis has drastically affected people from various walks of life, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. This presentation aims to provide insight into the impact of the opioid crisis on the Indigenous community, specifically the Blood Reserve and what is being done to combat the issue.

Esther Tailfeathers, born and raised on the Blood Reserve. Graduated from University of North Dakota School of Medicine, completed her Family Medicine Residency in Edmonton at the University of Alberta. Has worked in many Native communities including The Blackfeet Reservation in the Emergency Room, the Blood Reserve for almost 17 years, and served the remote northern community of Fort Chipewyan. She is currently the Medical Lead the Population and Public, Indigenous Strategic Care Network. She is most proud of organizing a relief mission to Haiti after the earthquake, a team made up of Blood Tribe paramedics, nurses and health care workers which took care of more than 2000 patients during their relief effort. Most recently worked with her community in response to the Fentanyl Crisis which started in the fall of 2014.

Objectives:

1. Understand the historical perspectives contributing to health crises for Indigenous populations
2. Review the current status of the opioid crisis in the Indigenous population and consequences on population health
3. Explore the strength of community organization and response to the health crisis

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