

## Better health. Better health care.

The O'Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary supports excellence in population health and health services research, realizing the benefits of such research by informing community, policy and health-practice stakeholders.

As an Institute, we share a vision of "better health and health care," reflecting our two priority research areas of improved population health and enhanced health systems performance.

The institute's success in brokering broader external relationships, with provincial and national interest groups, policy makers, research agencies, the media, philanthropists, and community stakeholders, further extends the reach and impact of our members' significant research outputs.



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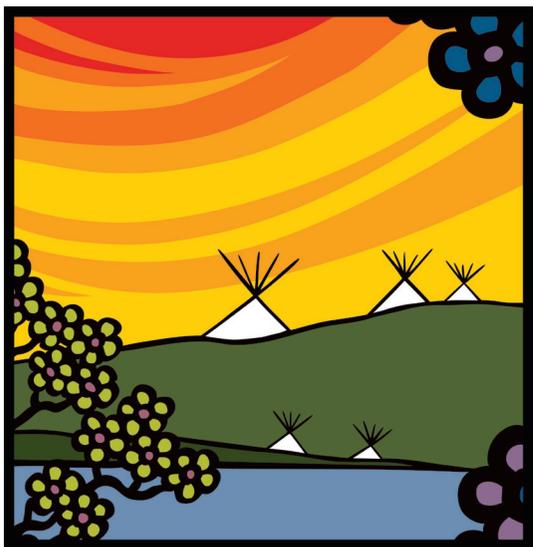
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Group for Research with Indigenous Peoples

# Working with partners to improve Indigenous health



Artwork by Kevin Pe-ace

Striving to foster a community of practice, the Group for Research with Indigenous Peoples (GRIP) at the O'Brien Institute for Public Health is a network of health researchers, students, and providers who work together with Indigenous community partners, organizations and agencies to improve Indigenous health.

GRIP's mandate is to encourage population and public health research that mobilizes partners to create, reinforce and sustain conditions conducive to healing, reconciliation, and self-determination.

By promoting research practices that are holistic and informed by the determinants of population health, GRIP works to apply the best evidence in Indigenous health research and to inform policy and innovate practice. GRIP has active working relationships with local, regional, national, and

international organizations to facilitate research networks and knowledge translation. It also provides a venue to promote Indigenous health research and to celebrate faculty and students through the Annual Research Forum at the University of Calgary.

GRIP works with faculty and students to promote proper engagement protocols among the research community when conducting research with Indigenous populations. To support this, GRIP maintains linkages to Indigenous organizations and community, and has a Community Advisory Council that includes representation from Alberta Health Services'

Indigenous Wellness Program, Alberta Health Services' Population, Public and Indigenous Health Strategic Clinical Network, the Métis Nation of Alberta, the Alberta First Nations Information Governance Centre; and other universities in Alberta.



We are a lead partner in the Alberta Indigenous Mentorship in Health Innovation Network (AIM-HI Network) designed to bolster supports for Indigenous scholars in health research throughout Alberta.

The AIM-HI Network is one of seven regional nodes that make up the Indigenous Mentorship Network Program, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.