



ADVANCING EQUITY IN HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

THE HEALTH EQUITY ACTION RESEARCH TEAM (HEART):

- Engages underserved populations to identify research priorities
- Carries out community-driven research to identify problems and solutions to inequities in health care
- Develops innovative health professional education to improve competency in equity-oriented health services
- Shares research evidence in innovative ways with communities and care providers
- Supports transformative change in health care and health professional education

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BRIAN SINCLAIR REPORT

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Brian Sinclair died of a treatable infection
- He was “ignored to death”
- Structural racism and stereotyping led to denial of care

LESSONS FOR CARE PROVIDERS:

- Attend to all patients in the Emergency Department
- Ensure vulnerable people are triaged
- Intervene when you see signs of distress
- Check your biases and confront stereotyping

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TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Shares the experiences of Indigenous people affected by residential schools
- Acknowledges the injustices and harms experienced
- Commits to advancing reconciliation

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LESSONS FOR CARE PROVIDERS:

- Recognize and address unique needs of Indigenous patients
- Respect and incorporate Indigenous healing practices
- Understand how policy impacts health
- Learn and model culturally safe care



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FIRST PEOPLES, SECOND CLASS TREATMENT

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Indigenous health stories are often oversimplified and lack context
- Indigenous peoples face many barriers to care (e.g., limited non-insured health benefits)
- Fear of discrimination leads Indigenous peoples to avoid care
- Racism can be deadly

LESSONS FOR CARE PROVIDERS:

- Take health concerns seriously
- Hold self and colleagues to high care standards
- Understand NHIB and funding limitations
- Provide and advocate for culturally safe care

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JOYCE'S PRINCIPLE

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Joyce Echaquan died from inadequate hospital care
- Her health concerns were dismissed, and she faced racist remarks
- Joyce's Principle promotes equitable, discrimination-free care

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JOYCE'S PRINCIPLE BRIEF



LESSONS FOR CARE PROVIDERS:

- Learn the policies of Joyce's Principle
- Denounce and report instances of racism
- Prioritize patient preferences and needs



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JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Jordan Anderson (5 y/o) died after spending years in the hospital
- Provincial and federal governments disagreed on funding his home care
- Jordan's Principle ensures First Nations children receive essential care; funding is settled later

LESSONS FOR CARE PROVIDERS:

- Facilitate immediate care for First Nations children
- Learn about Jordan's Principle and its procedures
- Ensure proper documentation and reporting to assist with applications

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JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE
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IN PLAIN SIGHT

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Indigenous patients/healthcare workers face racism and discrimination
- Patients experience poor quality care, sometimes causing death
- Complaints process is inaccessible and unsafe

LESSONS FOR CARE PROVIDERS:

- Continue reflecting on your own biases and actions
- Model respectful engagement with Indigenous patients/colleagues
- Create inclusive, accessible and safe complaints processes

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