

MANY PATHS WALKING TOGETHER

A Community of Practice for
Indigenous-Centred Palliative Care

From 2024 to 2026, we were a group dedicated to advancing Indigenous-centred palliative care in Canada. Guided by Elders, we met regularly to foster shared learning, reflection and collaboration.

Indigenous-centred palliative approaches to care

Respectfully engaging with Indigenous ways of knowing
Supporting clients, families, caregivers, helpers
Honouring ancestors

Centring rights, respect and relationships

Providing compassionate care across diverse settings

Addressing anti-Indigenous racism, colonialism and trauma

We co-created a community of practice where everyone felt safe, equal and valued – a team where no one advanced their initiative alone, and where we supported and coached one another throughout the journey.

The way we work: Truth and reconciliation in action

Coaching and evaluation support
Peer collaboration
Workshops and site visits
Reflective practice
Group safety guidelines
Arts-based activities
Elder involvement
Sharing circles

Contributions

Increasing access to care

Improving quality in care

Becoming more equitable

Becoming culturally safer

Supporting self determination

The community of practice chose to use the term "Indigenous" to respectfully represent the collective identities of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.