# Walking Alongside Indigenous Peoples who are Seriously III: Education for Community Caregivers



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- Interprofessional course that focuses on the essential competencies to provide a palliative care approach.
- Taught by local experts who are experienced palliative care clinicians and educators.
- Delivered online or in-person.
- Ideal for any health care professional (e.g., physician, nurse, pharmacist, social worker, etc.) who provides care for patients with lifethreatening and progressive life-limiting illnesses.
- Accredited by CFPC and Royal College.



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### Introductions

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### Welcome and Reminders

- For comments, please use the chat function.
- For questions, please use the Q&A function, these questions will be addressed at the end of the session.
- This session is being recorded—this recording and slide deck will be emailed to registrants within the next week.



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# Acknowledgements









- Preparing for the Journey: Caring for Indigenous Peoples who are Seriously III
- Curriculum Advisory Committee





# **Learning Objectives**

 Understand the process undertaken by the CERAH education team to create a culturally and community appropriate

caregivers' curriculum.

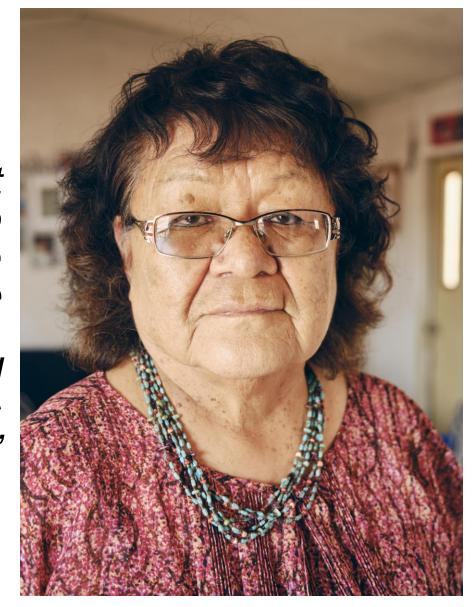
 Explore the newly developed caregiver curriculum and identify ways to incorporate the into practice.





# **Narrative Case Story**

"In First Nations communities, there are a lot of different diseases that have no cure, and that do impact. So [we] would benefit from the palliative approach earlier on, things like diabetes and those kinds of things. Doing education around that to build capacity within the First Nations communities is key."



Improving End-of-Life Care in First Nations (EOLFN) Project, 2010-2015





# Foundational Teachings for Curriculum Development Process



"Wellness from an Indigenous perspective is a whole and healthy person expressed through a sense of balance of spirit, emotion, mind and body. Central to wellness is belief in one's connection to language, land, beings of creation, and ancestry, supported by a caring family and environment."

Elder Jim Dumont, 2014



# Foundational Teachings for Curriculum Development Process

"Life is a circle, an 'earth walk,' a pathway followed throughout life, striving for completeness and wholeness in growing and developing spiritually... Dying is an important part of completing the circle. It is life's journey coming to completion and the fulfillment of our purpose. In death, the body dies. The Spirit does not die but goes to the spirit world, to a place of understanding and wisdom, returning to the Creator."

Kinoshameg, Wikwemikong First Nation, 2017



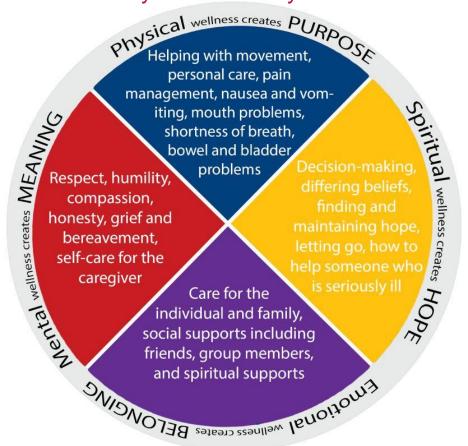
# **Mobilizing Community Capacity**

Home and Community Care, Primary Care, Public Health, Nurses, doctors, Traditional Healers

Family & community members

NNADAP, Crisis Intervention Programs, grief counsellors, CHR/CHE Family & community

members

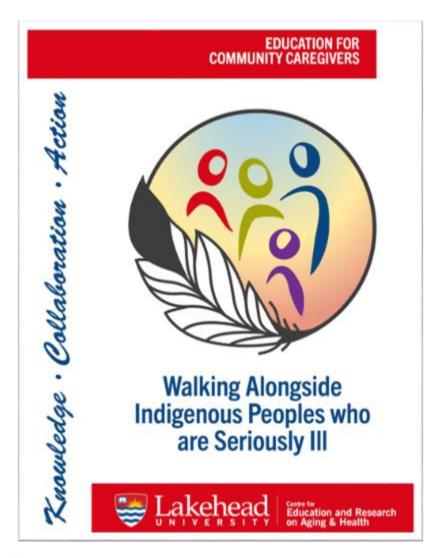


Elders, Traditional
Wellness Programs
Traditional Healers, clergy
Family & community
members





# Purpose of the Curriculum



To provide health care providers with tools & resources for delivering community-based education to families and community members caring for people who are seriously ill.

Health care providers are encouraged to have a baseline of knowledge and skills in chronic disease management.

# Palliative Care for Front-line Workers in Indigenous Communities







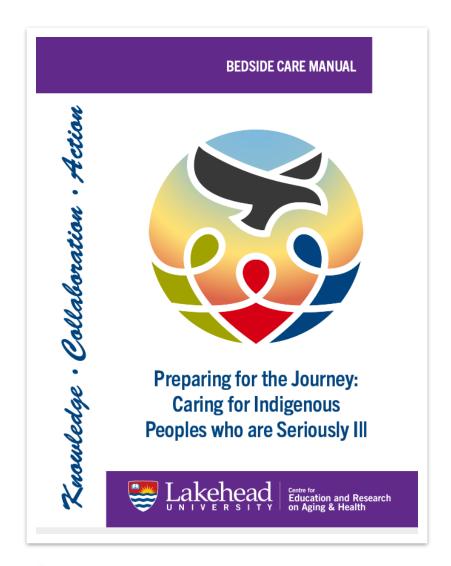
# This curriculum may be of value to health care providers who:

- Want to create awareness in the community about chronic disease management;
- See an opportunity to inform more people about advance care planning and making individual wishes known;
- Have other health care providers who are new to the field or need some guidance in developing a care plan;
- Have a family or community caregiver who has questions about caregiving; and
- Have a family or community caregiver who would benefit from instruction in learning particular skills at the bedside.





### **Overview of the Curriculum**



Walking Alongside builds upon content from the Preparing for the Journey: Caring for Indigenous Peoples who are Seriously III manual

Preparing for the Journey is based on clinical best practices. It focuses on meeting the wholistic needs of individuals and caregivers



### Overview of the Curriculum

- 1. The Indigenous Wellness Framework
- 2. Spiritual Wellness
- 3. Emotional Wellness
- 4. Mental Wellness
- 5. Physical Wellness
- 6. Making your Wishes Known
- 7. Developing a Care Plan
- 8. The Palliative Approach to Care
- 9. Last Weeks or Days of Life

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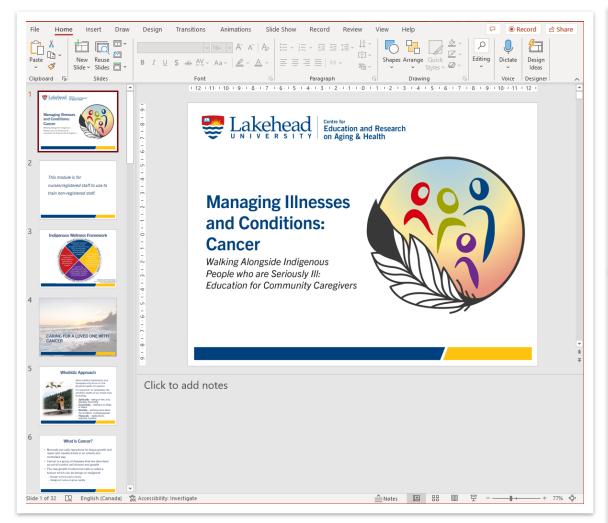


# **Curriculum Components**

- Slide Decks with Speaker Notes
- Supporting Resources
  - Videos
  - Handouts
  - Pamphlets
  - Activities



# Slide Decks (PowerPoint)

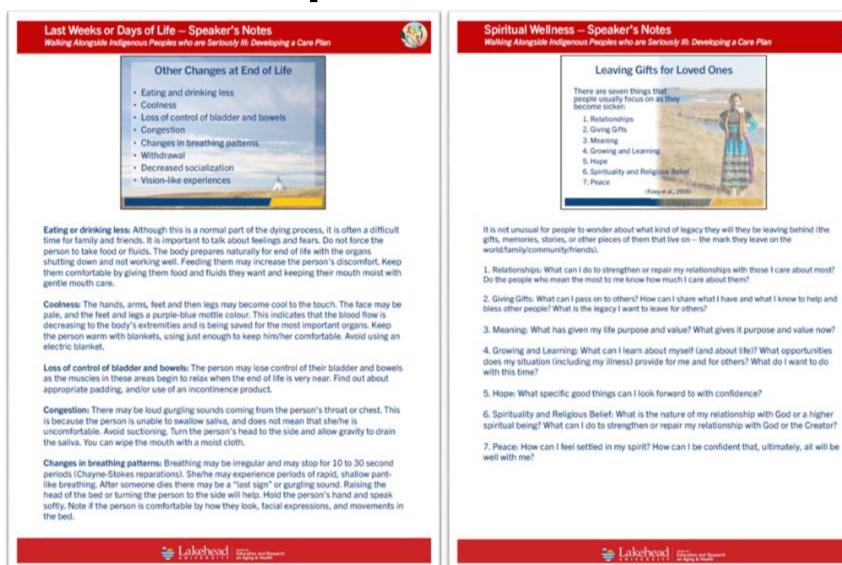






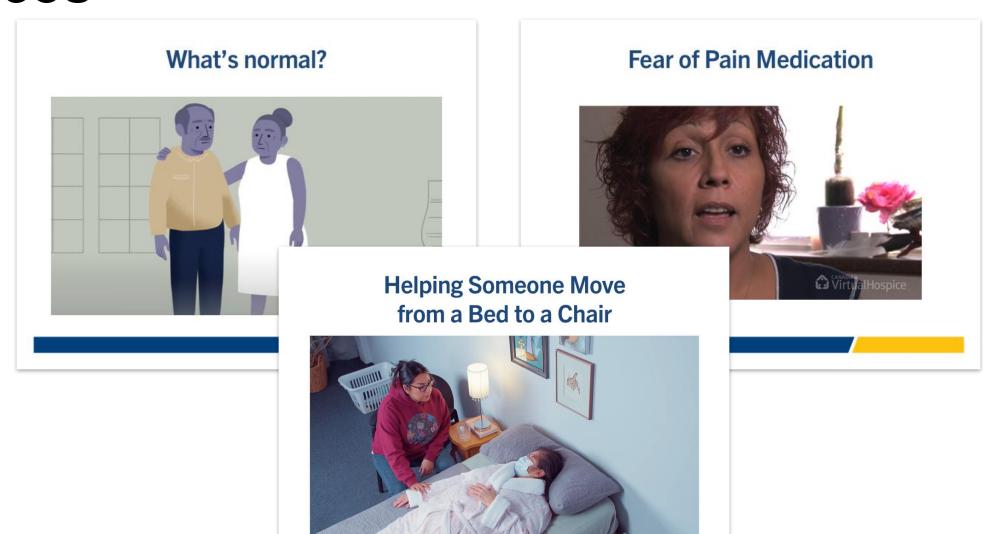


# Slide Decks with Speaker Notes





### **Videos**







### **Handouts**

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· If available, get the appropriate vaccine.

Use cashless payments if possible.

medical offices or waiting rooms.

· Be aware of common touch points outside the home: shopping cart

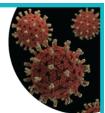
handle, door handles or glass, your steering wheel, money, gas pump.

If the person you are caring for needs to be isolated and is dependent on

you, wear PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). See our video on PPE.

Wash your hands immediately after reading magazines or papers in

### Dos & Don'ts For Preventing Infection



As a caregiver, if you are

looking after someone with a

weakened immune system or

she or he is identified as being

in a high-risk group, here are

some Dos and Don'ts to help

prevent infection.

| Do   | Don't   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Wash your hands often — soap is a must! See our Careguide on<br>handwashing.   | Shake hands. Simply explain you are a<br>caregiver and no offense is intended. People<br>will understand.   |  |
| If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.   | Go to work if you don't feel well. (So you<br>don't spread your virus to others)  |  |
| <ul> <li>Cut your finger nails! We all know to wash our hands but germs can hide<br/>just under long nails.</li> </ul>   | Touch your face.  |  |
| <ul> <li>Postpone birthdays and anniversaries. Cancel all group dining,<br/>celebrations and events.</li> </ul>  | Share towels, face cloths, cups, dishes or cutlery.   |  |
| If you feel ill, avoid crowds – see our careguide on self-isolation. Isolate the person you are caring for to protect them from any viruses. In times of pandemic, limit the care recipient to contact with 2 people: yourself and the backup caregiver                      | Attend meetings, parties, shows or large<br>social gatherings     Attend any weekly club meetings (consider<br>attending remotely, using technology, if<br>possible.) |  |
| <ul> <li>Actively screen yourself for symptoms of: sore throat, fever, cough,<br/>difficulty breathing, confusion, blueness in lips. See a doctor right away if<br/>you think you are sick. Phone ahead to tell them you are coming.</li> </ul>                              | Wear artificial nails or nail enhancements. They are more difficult to clean and have been known to carry germs.  |  |
| Cough into your elbow or a tissue. You want to avoid blowing moisture droplets into the air.   | Go to a public gym. (Consider exercising at<br>home while sick.)  |  |
| Use disinfectant wipes on all touch points (Bleach & water work too):     TV remotes /steering wheels / door knobs / fridge door handles / light switches / counter tops / kitchen cabinet doors / cell phone / mouse and keyboard / canes / walkers / wheelchair arm rests. | Travel, in general – no planes, trains or<br>public transit.  |  |
| Reschedule wellness appointments – look ahead at your care recipient's schedule. Cancel non-essential appointments.  | Have close contact with people who are sick.  |  |

Supporting Relationships & Emotional Wellness EMOTIONAL WELLNESS HANDOUT



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Everyone has their own reaction to finding out that someone is seriously ill. As the individual becomes sicker, everyone, including the person, their family, and community members, will go through many different losses along the way.

Some of these reactions include:

- The person who is sick may begin to accept that their death is coming and what that means for the community;
- · People may become very angry or hide their emotions completely;
- . People may be frustrated and want to do more to help fix a situation that cannot be fixed;
- · People may feel sadness and anxiety; and
- People may feel guilty because they feel some relief when the person dies and their suffering is over.

All of these reactions are very normal and it takes time for the community to get used to having a very sick member. Some people find it helpful to talk with others about their feelings and join together to support one another.

In a palliative approach to care, the person who is sick along with their family are supported throughout the end of life journey. The family might be made up of immediate members (children, parents, siblings), or members of extended family through marriage or chosen family, like friends and pets.

Many different things can impact a family's ability to care and cope with a loved one's death, including:

- Age
- Past experiences with loss or death
- · Length of the illness
- Quality of the relationship
- Presence of social supports
- The dying person's role in the family and community

### Questions you and your loved one can think about:

- How does your loved one and the family view the illness?
- Does your loved one or the family believe the timing of illness should be controlled and that the timing and nature of death can be influenced?
- Does your loved one or the family think it is important to be able to make their own decisions, or make decisions as a family?
- What personal and/or cultural beliefs does your loved one or the family have about serious illness and death?

For more information about Emotional Wellness, please read pages 19-20 in Preparing for the Journey:

Caring for Indigenous People who are Seriously Ill resource manual.

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### **Pamphlets**



### Who Provides Palliative Care?

A caregiving group of family, friends, and health care providers and volunteers makes up the Palliative Care Team. The team is determined by the needs of the person that is ill and his/her family. It can include a:

- · Family doctor or a doctor specializing in palliative care
- Nurse
- · Community Health Representative
- Social Worker or Community Wellness Worker
- · Spiritual Counsellor/Traditional Healer
- Personal Support Worker/Home Support Worker
- · Community-based health provider
- · Pharmacist, nutritionist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, volunteers and anyone who can meet the ill person's needs

### Where Can I Find More Information?

For more information, start by talking to your doctor, nurse, Home and Community Care Case Coordinator, spiritual care provider or any other health care provider. A referral to a palliative care nurse or palliative care volunteer team can be made by anyone, including the person that is ill, a family member, a spiritual care provider, a physician or any other health care provider.

You may also refer to the Preparing for the Journey: Caring for Indigenous People who are Seriously III resource manual available for free download on the CERAH website: https://cerah.lakeheadu.ca/resources/indigen ous-health/

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### **Activities**

### Protocols for End of Life

AST DAYS AND HOURS ACTIVITY



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Just as planning for your loved one's care throughout their illness is important, having protocols for knowing what happens at the end of life is also important. This will help ensure your loved one's wishes are known and respected, and it will also reduce the number of questions that need to be made right after your loved one passes.

| What kind of service or ceremonie  | es does my loved one/my family want?                           |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Where and when will the service o  | r ceremony take place?   |
| Who will do the service? (Elder? P | riest? Friend? Other?)   |
| Who will be notified?              |  |
| Who will do the notifying?         |  |
| Will people come from out of town  | n? Do they have a place to stay?                               |
| Does my loved one want to be bur   | ied or cremated, based on their wishes and Indigenous beliefs? |
| Where will the burial take place?  |  |
| f cremated, where will the ashes I | be kept?   |
| Who do I call when my loved one o  | dies?  |

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### Thinking About Spirituality

SPIRITUAL WELLNESS ACTIVITY



As people become sicker, it is normal for them to wonder about what legacy they will leave behind and the impact they have had on people's lives. They may focus on relationships, giving gifts, finding meaning, growing and learning, hope, spirituality, and finding peace<sup>1</sup>.

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The following questions may help your loved one think through some of these concerns using the following guide:

### Relationships

Do the people who mean the most to me know how much I care about them?

What can I do to strengthen or repair my relationships with those I care about most?

### Giving Gifts

What can I pass on to others?

How can I share what I have and what I know to help and bless other people?

What are the memories, stories, and gifts that I want to leave for others?

### Meaning

What has given my life purpose and value?

What gives it purpose and value now?

### Growing and Learning

What can I learn about myself (and about life)?

<sup>1</sup>Foley, K. M. et al. (Eds.). (2005). When the focus is on care: Palliative care and cancer. American Cancer Society

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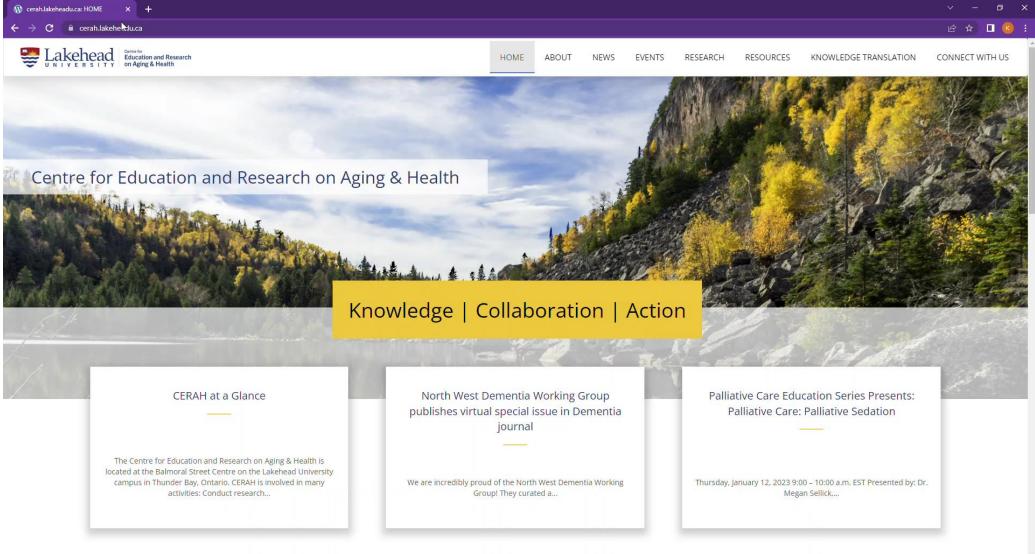


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# Walking Alongside Webpage





# **Narrative Case Story**

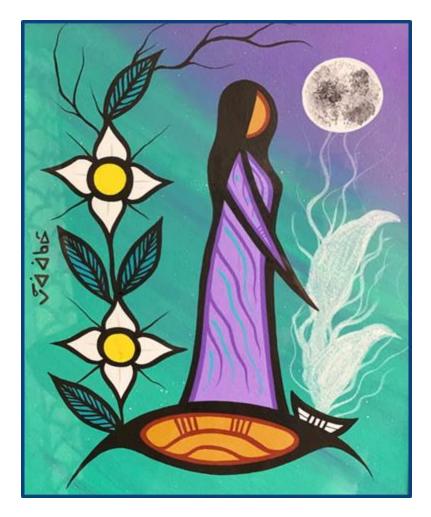
"Another barrier, I think, is fear because if there's someone's in the hospital and they're coming home, the family members may be fearful just because they're not educated, and they haven't ever dealt with something like this before."

Improving End-of-Life Care in First Nations (EOLFN) Project, 2010-2015





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Q&A

# Session Wrap Up

- Thank you for joining us!
- Please fill out the feedback survey following the session—a link has been added into the chat.

# **Thank You**



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