



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

## Healing the Whole Human Being: Promoting Indigenous Community-Based Approaches to Address the Opioids Crisis

**Speakers: Rita Isabel Henderson, William Wadsworth & Bonnie Healy**

Friday, May 3, 2019 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.

G500 - Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW

The opioid crisis is more than an issue of physical addiction, and especially in Indigenous contexts also one of social disconnection resulting from perpetuation of systemic harms. Health and other service providers have much to learn from Indigenous people whose communities have extensive experience and wisdom with healing from addictions brought on by colonization. This presentation will share insights and activities from a series of parallel research partnerships to address the opioid crisis impacting Indigenous people in Alberta, which include efforts to: innovate community-based access to opioid agonist therapies, synthesize knowledge for wrap-around supports, enhance health professional education for prescribers and addictions workers, and evaluate a community-driven crisis response.

Rita Isabel Henderson, PhD, is a models of care scientist and assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine. Mr. William Wadsworth is a research and policy analyst at the Alberta First Nations Information Governance Centre (AFNIGC). Ms. Bonnie Healy is a Registered Nurse and Executive Director of the AFNIGC, which is an Alberta Chief's mandated organization that represents the regional voice of Alberta First Nations with the mandate to uphold the First Nations principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP™) of First Nations data, information, and traditional knowledge. Both Mr. Wadsworth and Ms. Healy are from the Kainai Nation (Blood Tribe).

### Objectives:

1. Contextualize systemic drivers of opioid misuse in Indigenous contexts in Alberta.
2. Profile the diversity of Indigenous and health community responses to the opioid crisis.
3. Detail Indigenous community priorities and strategies for addressing opioid addiction.

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