

Community-Directed Virtual Care Strategies for the Management of Neuropathic Pain in Remote Indigenous Communities

Neuropathic pain results from damage to sensory nerves due to injury or disease such as amputations, spinal cord injury, diabetes, HIV and other neurological conditions. It results in reliance on medication, mental anguish, and impaired quality of life. It is difficult to identify clinically and requires specialist and team intervention for assessment and management.

Pain-related conditions are more prevalent in Indigenous than non-Indigenous people. To access specialized care for neuropathic pain, rural and remote Indigenous Peoples travel to one of two urban centers in Saskatchewan to see a specialist practitioner. The need for extensive travel to receive services is a barrier in accessing appropriate and timely care.

This project will engage Indigenous community members with neuropathic pain to develop a virtual assessment process for management of this condition in rural and remote Indigenous communities.

Our interdisciplinary research team includes Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Indigenous community members, professors, physicians, physiotherapists, a pharmacist, a nurse practitioner and more.

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