

# Anti-Indigenous Racism in Medical Education - Roundtable Discussions

Following the death of Joyce Echaquan, Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada called an Urgent Meeting to Address Racism Experienced by Indigenous Peoples in Canada's HealthCare Systems. We heard from Joyce Echaquan's grieving family as well as Indigenous healthcare workers and medical students. As a result of the stories shared, The Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada (IPAC) was asked to organize and host a Roundtable Discussion on Anti-Indigenous Racism in Medical Education December 16, 2020.

IPAC circulated a document outlining the key priority areas identified at this meeting, and invited participants to a second roundtable for March 4, 2021. This meeting was postponed so that IPAC and NCIME could meet to discuss how we can work together for our common purpose.

January 27, 2021, the National Consortium on Indigenous Medical Education (NCIME) announced long term funding from the government of Canada. NCIME is a partnership between the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada, the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, the College of Family Physicians of Canada , the Medical Council of Canada and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and was formed to implement Indigenous-led work streams that will reform Indigenous medical education and contribute to the delivery of culturally safe care.

NCIME will provide leadership and support to partners as they fulfil their collective responsibilities to respond to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice.

Moving forward, the Roundtable Discussions on Anti-Indigenous Racism in Medical Education hosted by IPAC, will focus on both the [key priority areas identified at the December 16, 2020 roundtable](#) as well as the six areas of common priority identified by NCIME.

May 5, 2021, we had our second Roundtable Discussion on Anti-Indigenous Racism in Medical Education. Facilitated by Waneek Horn Miller, we had the opportunity to go into breakout rooms to discuss potential action items for Admissions/Transitions; Indigenous Faculty Recruitment and Retention; Improving Cultural Safety in Curriculum; Learner Support and Mentorship; Translators in this room only; Wellness and Joy in Work; Improved Communication; and Increased Engagement with Local Indigenous Communities. A summary of this meeting and next steps will be available soon.

## **Related Documents**

[\*Racism in Medical Education Roundtable: Key Priority Areas \(Dec 16, 2020\)\*](#)

[\*Table ronde sur le racisme dans la formation médicale: Principaux secteurs prioritaires \(26 Dec, 2020\)\*](#)

[\*Roundtable Discussion on Anti-Indigenous Racism in Medical Education. Next Steps. \(May 5, 2021\)\*](#)

*Table ronde sur le racisme anti-autochtone dans l'enseignement médical. Prochaines étapes (5 Mai, 2021)*