

# Knowledge sharing in cancer control: improvement in client assessment, treatment and care in First Nation communities

## The Canadian Partnership Against Cancer

- Is an independent pan-Canadian organization funded by the federal government to accelerate action on cancer control for all Canadians,
- Works with other groups and agencies across Canada to generate new knowledge and accelerate the implementation of existing knowledge around cancer control,
- Strives to be culturally responsive to the needs of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, and
- Facilitated the development of the *First Nations, Inuit and Métis Action Plan on Cancer Control*, engaging First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, patients and organizations involved in cancer control and chronic disease prevention.



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### The Saint Elizabeth First Nations, Inuit and Métis Program

- A social enterprise
- Dedicated to the health of people and communities
- Works in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities to understand and solve complex health care issues, improve access and address barriers to care

### The Challenge

- The First Nations geographic landscape in Canada
- The growing burden of cancer in First Nations communities
- Challenges for First Nations health care providers in accessing educational and professional development opportunities

### The Solution: @YourSide Colleague® First Nations Cancer Care Course

- Leveraged technology
- Innovative solutions
- Available anytime and anywhere
- Culturally appropriate
- Evidence based, up-to-date

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### Evaluations

- Relevant
- Immediately applicable
- Supporting early detection, treatment and better outcomes

### Health Care Providers

- More than 1200 providers from over 320 First Nation communities and organizations
- Knowledge exchange network for discussion of leading practices

### Results

- Filling a critical gap in professional development in cancer control
- Successfully overcoming barriers posed by geography, isolation and limited health human resources
- Demonstrating the power of partnerships and innovation

*You have created a legacy that I hope will continue to flourish and grow and allow us to offer this course to more communities in the North.*

-Terri Stewart, Aboriginal Liaison, Northern Cancer Control Strategy, BC

